

Mars Landing set for Sunday

Just a reminder that NASA will be attempting to land a spacecraft on Mars this coming Sunday. Touchdown of the Phoenix lander is set for about 5:54 p.m. MDT. Here are a few related stories:

NASA Briefings and TV Coverage Schedule for Phoenix Mars Landing



http://www.nasa.gov/home/hqnews/2008/may/HQ_M08099_Phoenix_Landing_Advisory.html

Phoenix Set to Land on Mars

http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2008/13may_phoenix.htm?list864576

Closing in on Mars: Course Slightly Adjusted

<http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/news/news.cfm?release=2008-74b>

Schedule of events

http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/phoenix/news/landingevents.html

Tiger Muskie Challenge – Finding Fish that are Free of Disease

Aquatic diseases in other parts of the country could affect tiger muskie fishing here in Utah.

A tiger muskie is a cross between a Northern pike and a muskellunge (more commonly referred to as a “muskie”). Tiger muskies are sterile fish that can’t reproduce.

Utah has a disease-free population of Northern pike in Recapture Reservoir in southeastern Utah. But the state doesn’t have any muskies. And finding disease-free muskies outside of Utah is getting harder.

“We recently learned that muskies we were going to get from Nebraska have a virus that could harm many of Utah’s native fish species,” says Drew Cushing, warm water sport fisheries coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources.

“Leatherside chub and least chub—two species that are on Utah’s Sensitive Species List—are among the fish in Utah that could be affected by this virus,” he says. “We know a lot of anglers are going to be disappointed, but we can’t afford to bring this virus into the state.”

DWR biologists are continuing to look for muskies outside the state. But diseases that are spreading through the Midwestern and Eastern parts of the country are making it difficult to find muskies that are free of disease, Cushing says.

Northern pike

If the DWR can’t find muskies to continue its tiger muskie-stocking program, the agency might switch to stocking sterile Northern pike.

Sterile Northern pike are created by taking eggs from Northern pike and treating them with a heat process. The pike that hatch from the eggs are sterile. It’s easier for biologists to control a fish population if its fish can’t reproduce.

“Northern pike don’t grow as big as tiger muskies, but they can still reach 40 inches in length. That’s a big fish,” Cushing says.

Cushing says tiger muskies are often referred to as the “fish of a thousand casts”

because that’s how many casts it can take to catch one.

“Northern pike, on the other hand, feed more aggressively and are easier to catch,” he says.

“They put up a great fight. They also taste lot like walleye, so they’re great to catch and eat.”

For more information, call the nearest Division of Wildlife Resources office or the DWR’s Salt Lake City office



at (801) 538-4700.

Work to Save Endangered Fish Receives National Attention

Work to save four fish species from extinction has landed a unique partnership a national award.

The Upper Colorado River and the San Juan River endangered fish recovery programs recently received Cooperative Conservation awards from the U.S. Department of the Interior (USDI).

The two programs, which were submitted together for the award, were selected from a field of 700 nominees. The USDI awarded 21 Cooperative Conservation awards this year.

Biologists and outreach personnel with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources are among those involved in the programs.



Unique partnership

The Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program formed in 1988. At the time of its formation, this voluntary partnership was unique. Since its formation, the program has become a template for other big projects across the country that involve people and groups with different, and sometimes conflicting, interests.

The program's goal is to recover endangered fish in the Green and Upper Colorado river drainages. The program faces a big challenge—how to apply science and recover the fish without seriously affecting the interests of people in the drainages.

Since the Green and Colorado rivers run through several states, and water use impacts a long list of interests—including communities, government agencies, and private and commercial interests—recovery efforts needed to involve a broad base of constituents.

A new concept was developed to give everyone a voice while keeping enough structure in place to get something accomplished.

The first step was to make membership in the program voluntary. The second was to create a three-tiered approach. This approach included one or more committees at each tier, or level.

The top tier draws its membership from governors' offices and agency heads. The second tier is a management level. The third tier is a technical or biological level. The third tier is where most of the research and sharing of information takes place among members of the program and with the public.

When the San Juan River was added to the recovery efforts in 1992, its program also adopted the three-tiered approach.

“Because participation on the committees is voluntary, each state, Native American tribe, agency, group or individual had to decide how much they wanted to be involved,” says Kevin Christopherson, regional supervisor for the UDWR. “Utah, through the UDWR, made the decision to get in deep. We hired biologists and jumped right in.”

Working starts—and continues—in Utah

Sampling fish in Utah was one of the first projects the UDWR and its partners got involved in. Sampling helps determine population numbers, the locations where the fish are, their seasonal movements and other base-level information.

Projects then began to focus on specific species and the habitats they needed. The information gathered has helped determine which river flow patterns will help the fish the most and when water needs to be released from Flaming Gorge dam to supply those flows.

More recent studies are looking at the flood plains near the rivers. “For example, the levee removal project looked at breaching old man-made levees around key flood plain



locations to try and provide larval razorback sucker with important rearing pond-like habitat,” says Trina Hedrick, native aquatics project leader in the UDWR’s Northeastern Region.

“The construction of Flaming Gorge dam altered flows to a point that flood plains were often disconnected from the river, even during high flows. Breaching the levees allowed river flows to expand back into traditional flood

plain habitat. That made this habitat available again to razorback suckers.

“Since the breaching of the levees, we’ve been doing research into what flows are necessary to maximize spawning efforts.

“Razorbacks spawn upstream. As the larval fish emerge from their eggs, they’re swept downstream. If they manage to be swept into a natural backwater, like those now re-exposed by one of our breached levees, their chance of survival goes way up.”

Another project, a larval drift project, used colorful beads to track drifting patterns. “We looked at how something small, like a fish larva, would drift in the river,” Hedrick said.

“This study has helped us learn how drift behaves in the river at different water levels. This information will help us fine tune releases from Flaming Gorge dam to increase the number of fish that survive.”

Hedrick says the program has also stocked one- and two-year-old razorback suckers into the Stirrup flood plain. Fish were stocked there to learn which age classes tend to move back into the river after being in the flood plain for most of their young life.

“We know the larval fish drift into the calmer flood plain habitats shortly after they swim up from their eggs,” she says. “Early in the year, these calm-water flood plain habitats are much more productive than the river, and the larval fish grow much more quickly in them. One study even showed that the young razorbacks that don’t make it to the flood plain but stay in the river will probably starve to death due to a lack of food in the early spring.

“However, we really don’t know how long these fish need to stay in the flood plain before they move back out into the river,” Hedrick says. “We’re really trying to understand the whole life history of the razorback sucker. Hopefully this new study will help us draw some conclusions about their movement out of the flood plain.”

Fish for Free on June 7

If you’re looking for a fun activity that’s close to home and doesn’t cost much, mark June 7 on your calendar.

June 7 is Free Fishing Day in Utah. You won’t need a fishing license to fish in the state that day.

“Fishing is an activity that’s fun for people of all ages—everyone in your family can enjoy it,” says Roger Wilson, cold water sport fisheries coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources. “We offer Free Fishing Day to attract people to an outdoor activity they can enjoy for the rest of their life.”

Before Free Fishing Day, DWR personnel will stock extra fish into waters across Utah. Wilson says most of the fish will be placed in lakes and reservoirs.

Utah’s community fishing ponds are another good place to consider fishing on June 7. Depending on where you live, a community pond might be just a few minutes away. To learn more about Utah’s community fishing ponds, please visit www.wildlife.utah.gov/cf/ .

Know the rules

You don’t need a license to fish on June 7, but all of the other regulations in the 2008 Utah Fishing Guidebook will still be in effect. All anglers, especially those who might be fishing for the first time, are encouraged to obtain a copy of the guidebook and learn the rules.

The guidebook is available at the DWR’s Web site (www.wildlife.utah.gov/guidebooks) and from fishing license agents and DWR offices.

Several free fishing events for kids will be held on Free Fishing Day. Among those the DWR will be involved with are the following:

NORTHERN UTAH

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Bear River Celebration and Free Fishing Day.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Willow Park, 419 W. 700 S.

People of all ages can enjoy free fishing at Skylar's Pond. Volunteers will check out fishing equipment. They'll also be available to help first-time anglers.

Activity booths, for those ages 4 to 18, also will be available. The first 300 youths who visit the booths and complete their "passport to fun" will receive a free t-shirt. At the interactive booths, youths can discover the joys of fishing and learn the importance of good water quality. They can tie their own wooly bugger, experience how rivers and streams are formed, explore the life cycles of fish, go buggy over bugs, color for conservation, learn to cast a fishing lure and learn more about Leave No Trace fishing and camping!



A variety of local, state and federal agencies are sponsoring the activity. The activity promotes both water quality and fishing.

For more information, e-mail Marni Lee with the Division of Wildlife Resources at marnilee@utah.gov.

NORTH-CENTRAL UTAH

MIDWAY

“Kid’s Fishing Event,” Wasatch Mountain State Park pond, about 2 miles west of Midway.

The event runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Space is limited. Children who want to participate must register in advance by calling Wendy Wilson at (435) 654-1791.

The DWR will stock the park’s pond with rainbow trout before the event. The kids who participate will be given a presentation at 9 a.m. that teaches them about fish and fishing. After they complete the presentation, the kids can fish at the pond.

Volunteers from the DWR’s Dedicated Hunter program will be available to help the kids fish and to help them clean their fish.

Fishing poles and bait will be available for kids who don’t have their own equipment.

SOUTHWESTERN UTAH

CEDAR CITY

The Division of Wildlife Resources will sponsor a fishing event at Kid’s Pond on the Wood’s Ranch from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Kids 12 years of age and younger are invited to come to the pond and fish for free. A fishing license is not required, and fishing equipment will be available for kids who don’t have their own equipment. DWR personnel and volunteers will also be available to help kids fish.

Kids Pond is 12 miles outside of Cedar City, up Cedar Canyon (SR-14) above the Wood’s Ranch pavilion.

For more information, call the DWR’s Cedar City office at (435) 865-6100.

Apply for Antlerless Big Game Permits

Applications available starting June 2

You might have a better chance at drawing a cow elk, cow moose or doe pronghorn hunting permit this year.

Utah's elk, moose and pronghorn populations are doing well, and the number of permits offered for each species has been increased for this fall's hunts.

Most of Utah's antlerless big game permits are taken in the state's annual draw. You can apply for a permit starting June 2 at www.wildlife.utah.gov or by calling (801) 538-4700.

To get your application in the draw for permits, you must submit it through the Web site no later than 11 p.m. on June 30. Applications also will be accepted at (801) 538-4700 until 5 p.m. on June 30.

The following are the number of permits that will be available this year:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Number of permits</u>
Cow Elk	10,529
Cow Moose	109
Doe Pronghorn	727
Doe Deer	1,170

In addition to hunts on public land, many of Utah's private Cooperative Wildlife Management Units offer antlerless permits to Utah residents. Applications for CWMU permits will also be accepted from June 2 through June 30.

"The chance you'll take an animal during an antlerless hunt is usually higher than it is during a hunt for an animal with antlers," says Anis Aoude, big game coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources. "Antlerless hunts are a great way to get out and enjoy nature. And they allow you to put some good meat on the table."

For more information, call the nearest Division of Wildlife Resources office or the DWR's Salt Lake City office at (801) 538-4700.

Bear Safety Tips

As Memorial Day weekend nears, DWR provides tips to keep you safe

Doing five simple things will lessen the chance that a black bear visits your campsite this year:

- Don't leave food out.
- Don't scatter food scraps and other litter around your campsite or cabin area.
- Don't keep food in the area where you're sleeping.
- Don't bring items with you that have a strong odor.
- Never feed a bear.

With last summer's fatal bear attack in American Fork Canyon fresh on their minds, Kevin Bunnell believes Utahns will be more willing than ever to follow that advice.

"And by following these rules, you'll be helping other people too," says Bunnell, mammals program coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources. "A bear may not visit the area while you're there, but the food you leave out and the litter you leave behind could bring a bear to that same area after you leave. And that could create a serious problem for people who camp in the area after you."

Rules for a clean camp

Bunnell says strong smells are what attracts bears to people. By following a few simple rules, you can greatly reduce the chance that a bear visits your camp or cabin:

- Don't leave food out. Instead, lock your food and coolers inside your vehicle or suspend them at least 12 feet high between two trees, so bears can't reach them.

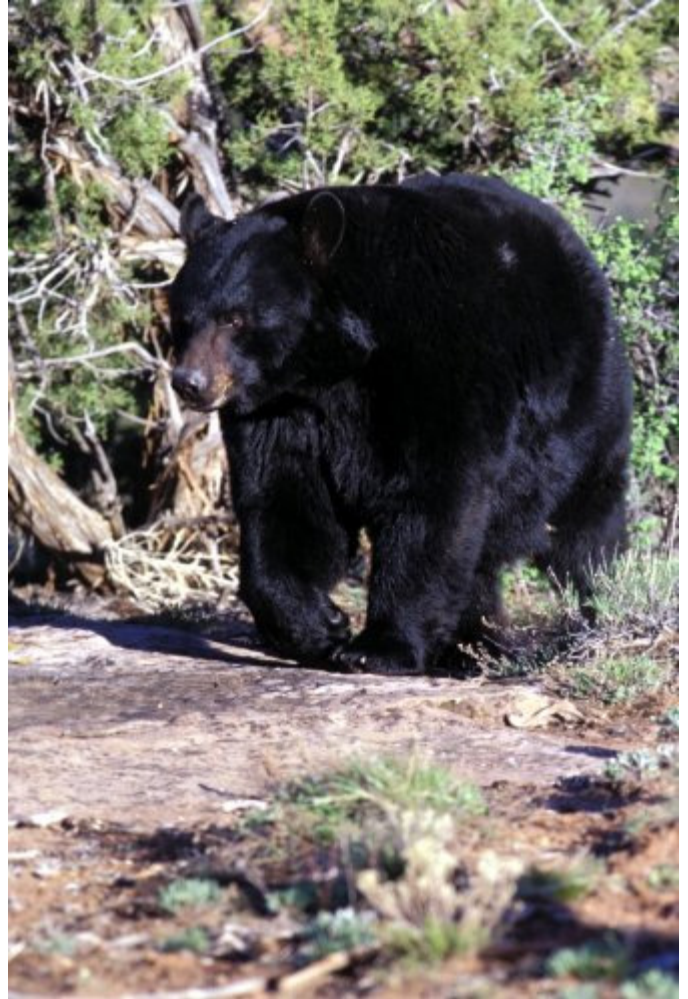
You can also store food in a bear-proof container. But remember that most containers, including plastic coolers, are NOT bear proof. Bear-proof containers are available at various sporting goods and outdoor stores.

- * Don't scatter garbage, food scraps and fat drippings around your campsite. And don't leave them in your fire pit, either. Instead, place them in an airtight container, lock them securely in the trunk of your car or inside your trailer, and take them home with you. If bear-proof garbage cans are available in your campground, you can also leave them in the cans.

- * After you're through cooking and eating, immediately clean your cooking grills and anything used to prepare, eat or clean up food.

- * Don't keep any food in the area where you're sleeping.

- * Cook away from your tent or sleeping area. And don't sleep in the clothes you wore while cooking or the clothes you wore while cleaning fish. Leave those clothes, along with utensils,



rag and anything used to prepare, cook, eat and clean up food, at your cooking area or sealed inside a vehicle.

* Don't bring items with you that have a strong odor. Bears have extremely sensitive noses. Anything that has a strong smell, including deodorant, perfume and certain soaps, could draw a bear to your campsite.

* Never feed a bear.

Bear safety tips

More tips on how to stay safe in bear country, including what to do if you encounter a bear while hiking, are available at www.wildlife.utah.gov/bearsafety.

JAKES/Xtreme JAKES Events offer Tons of Summer Fun

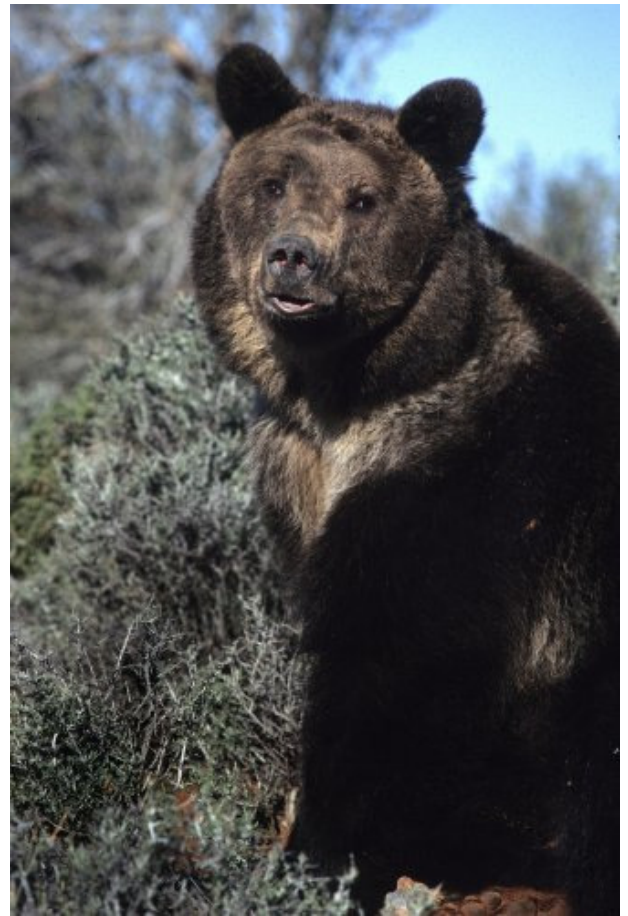
Schools nationwide are closing their doors to students for the summer, leaving youth with the age-old question of what they'll do to stay busy during their vacation from academia.

But students nationwide don't have to worry, there are plenty of opportunities to get outside, be active and learn about the great outdoors, conservation and wildlife during the National Wild Turkey Federation's local JAKES (Juniors Acquiring Knowledge Ethics and Sportsmanship) and Xtreme JAKES field days.

"JAKES events let me spend a day outdoors making friends and having fun," said Chelsey Holmes, Xtreme JAKES member in South Carolina. "Every year, I learn something new that I can do the rest of the summer."

Hands-on activities during JAKES/Xtreme JAKES events across North America include fishing, archery, hiking, mountain biking and game calling, as well as instruction on hunting, conservation, the wild turkey and more.

JAKES (Juniors Acquiring Knowledge, Ethics and Sportsmanship) is the NWTf's education and outreach program for members 17 and younger. Developed in 1981, the JAKES program is dedicated to informing, educating and involving youth in wildlife conservation and the wise stewardship of our natural resources.



Xtreme JAKES, created in 2002, is for teens 13-17 years old, and provides opportunities and challenges more in-line with older JAKES members' abilities and experiences.

"The NWTF's JAKES and Xtreme JAKES events allow young people throughout the U.S. and Canada to try new things by engaging them in outdoor activities, sports and seminars," said Mandy Harling, JAKES program manager. "Our volunteers

love to share the outdoors with the JAKES members. Every event brings together active youth with 'get up and go' attitudes who share an interest in something bigger than themselves - wildlife and conservation."

As part of their membership, participants receive *JAKES/Xtreme JAKES Magazine*. Of the 32-page magazine, half is dedicated to the NWTF's JAKES members while the other half focuses stories, tips and adventures toward the interests of the older Xtreme JAKES members.

To check for a JAKES/Xtreme JAKES event near you click <http://www.nwtf.org/jakes/events.html>



JAKES/Xtreme JAKES events provide activities to get kids outside having fun and getting healthy

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Program to Recruit New Anglers Exceeds Goal of 50,000 Pledges, Continues to Generate Funds for the Industry & Conservation

ALEXANDRIA, VA (May 21, 2008) – The Anglers' Legacy program has surpassed the 50,000 Pledge milestone, the Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation ([RBFF](#)) announced today, approaching its two-year anniversary mark. The program, which asks avid anglers to introduce newcomers to boating and fishing, continues to build momentum as new partnerships are developed with fishing clubs and membership organizations, sports media, outdoor retailers and manufacturers, state fish and wildlife agencies, industry leaders and outdoor enthusiasts nationwide.

"The Anglers' Legacy program has reached a true milestone by signing up more than 50,000 Ambassadors, boaters and anglers who will help protect the legacy of these sports," said RBFF President and CEO Frank Peterson. "Our goal for the year is to sign up an additional 85,000 new anglers to the program. We will break new ground this year, with the continued growth of the program adding substantial funds for conservation efforts."

According to a 2007 [survey](#) of Ambassadors, most take more than four people a year fishing and also generate an initial \$120 in fishing tackle and equipment sales, \$166 in boating supplies and accessories and purchase 3.2 fishing licenses.



"At 50,000 Pledges, this means the program may have already generated \$12 million for the boating and fishing industries and 88,000 new fishing licenses for states," said Peterson.

Launched in May 2006, Anglers' Legacy asks avid anglers to share their passion for fishing and to visit AnglersLegacy.org where they're asked to "[Take the Pledge](#)" – promising to take one new person fishing each year. RBFF will be adding a social networking element for Ambassadors and online visitors in the months ahead.

2008 MEMORIAL DAY FOREST SERVICE CAMPGROUND STATUS **Salt Lake City, May 20, 2008 –**

This Memorial Day weekend promises to be the first of many busy weekends on the national forests of Utah. Most, lower elevation campgrounds are open throughout the state. Higher elevation campgrounds, roads and trails may still be snow covered or muddy so to protect **natural resources** please be careful and only drive or camp on dry, solid surfaces.

Most backcountry hiking and camping is very limited. Safety is always a concern. Rivers, streams and creeks are running very high and fast and are extremely dangerous, so please be very careful and keep a watchful eye on children while recreating in these areas. Off-Highway vehicle users are reminded to ride only where permitted and to obtain Travel Plan Maps for those areas.

Remember to always be a responsible rider. As always please be careful with fire and always make sure campfires are dead out before leaving the campsite. Most importantly, enjoy your national forests!

The following is a listing of Forest Service campgrounds that will be open for Memorial Day weekend.

Ashley National Forest (435) 789-1181 or www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley

Vernal Ranger District (435) 789-1181: Whiterocks campground should be open with no water. Iron Spring Group campground will be open with no water and only with reservations. Kaler Hollow campground may be open for the holiday. All roads on the vernal district are



currently closed due to wet conditions and the presence of snow drifts. Portions of the Red Cloud Loop road may be open by Friday, May 23rd. Red Cloud Loop Road from Brownie Canyon to Kaler Hollow; White Cloud Loop from East Park to Red Cloud Loop junction at Trout Creek and the Mosby Mountain/Paradise Reservoir road will be closed for the holiday weekend. Please use proper judgment and avoid

damaging roads and OHV trails or creating resource damage on wet meadows; such action may result in a violation notice/ticket.

Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area (435) 784-3445: All campgrounds should be open with fees, except Spirit Lake, which will be closed due to snow. Visitors using the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area will have to pay a use fee. Day passes are \$5.00, 7 day passes are \$15.00 and annual passes are \$35.00. Passes are available in Manila Utah and in Evanston, Rock Springs and Green River Wyoming and local businesses in and around the Flaming Gorge area. If you are staying in a developed campground in the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area you are not required to pay the use fee.

Duchesne/Roosevelt Ranger Districts (435) 738-2482: All campgrounds will be open with fees.

Dixie National Forest (435) 865-3700 or www.fs.fed.us/r4/dixie

Pine Valley Ranger District: All campgrounds will be open with fees. For the most current information about these campgrounds call the St. George Interagency Office at: (435) 688-3246.

Cedar City Ranger District: All campgrounds and picnic areas will be open with fees for Memorial Day weekend. Except the campgrounds in the Navajo Lake Basin that includes the Spruces, Navaho Lake and TE-AH. Cedar Canyon campground may be open depending on snow melt.

Powell Ranger District: Red Canyon campground is open with water and fees and Kings Creek campground will be open for dry camping.

Escalante Ranger District: All campgrounds will be open with fees and no water.

Fishlake National Forest (435) 896-9233 www.fs.fed.us/r4/fishlake



Beaver Ranger District (435) 438-2436: Little Cottonwood, Mahogany Cove, Little Reservoir campgrounds, and Ponderosa picnic area will be open with water and fees. Kent's Lake campground will likely be open, but is still weather depending. Roads and trails are wet and muddy and snow packed at higher elevations. For current conditions contact the Beaver Ranger District.

Fillmore Ranger District (435) 743-5721: Maple Grove and Adelaide campgrounds will be open with water and fees. Maple Hollow and Oak Creek campgrounds will be open with no water. Roads and trails at higher elevations are closed due to snow and wet muddy conditions.

Fremont River Ranger District (435) 836-2800: Twin Creeks picnic area, Mackinaw, Tasha Equestrian, Piute, Sunglow, Pleasant Creek, Singletree, Oak Creek and Lower Bowns will be open. Please call the Fremont River Ranger District Office for the most current and up to date information.

Richfield Ranger District (435) 896-9233: Gooseberry campground and Monrovia picnic area will be open for the holiday weekend. The Sevenmile-Gooseberry road #640 will be under construction from Cold Springs to the Gates Lake Road this summer, expect delays. **All higher elevation campgrounds, roads and trails on the Fishlake National Forest are closed due to mud and wet conditions. REMINDER – Trails above 8500 feet will likely be wet and muddy, especially on north facing sides.**

Manti-LaSal National Forest (435) 637-2817 of www.fs.fed.us/4/mantilasal

Price (435) 637-2817 and Ferron Ranger District (435) 384-2372: Forks of Huntington campground is open with fees and no water. Old Folks Flat, Flat Canyon, Gooseberry campgrounds are closed due to snow. Joes Valley campground is open with water and fees. Ferron Reservoir and Indian Creek campgrounds are closed due to snow.

Miller's Flat/Potters Pond road from Upper Joe's Valley north to Highway 31 is closed due to snow. Higher elevations roads and trails are closed due to wet/muddy conditions and snow.

Sanpete Ranger District (435) 283-4151: Lake Hill and Manti Community campgrounds are open with fees and no water. Maple Canyon and Chicken Creek campgrounds are open with fees and no water. 12 Mile campground is closed due to snow. Higher elevations roads and trails are closed due to wet/muddy conditions and snow.

Moab Ranger District (435) 259-7155: Warner Lake and Oowah Lake campgrounds are closed due to snow. Buckeye Reservoir campground is open with no water or fee.

Monticello Ranger District (435) 587-2041: Devils Canyon and Nizhoni campgrounds are open with water and fees. Dalton and Buckboard campgrounds are open with fees and may have water by the holiday weekend. Higher elevations roads and trails are closed due to wet/muddy conditions and snow.



Uinta National Forest (801) 342-5100 or www.fs.fed.us/r4/uinta Heber Ranger District (435) 654-0470:

Strawberry Bay, Solider Creek and Aspen Grove are open with water and fees. Renegade and Current Creek will be open with fees and possibly no water. Lodgepole and Wolf Creek campgrounds will be closed due to snow. Mill Hollow Campground will be

closed for the 2008 season because of the repair work being done on the dam. All roads and trails above 8,000 feet are muddy and or snow packed. Starting Friday, May 23, 2008 the Strawberry Visitor's Center is open 7 days a week, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Boaters are urged to use caution and be aware of floating debris and submerged land structures in all the lakes and reservoirs.

Pleasant Grove Ranger District (801) 342-5240: All day use sites in American Fork Canyon should be open with water and fees. **Campgrounds will not be open.** The Alpine Scenic Loop (USR 92) will not be open. All trails and roads are closed. A recreation pass is required for the American Fork Canyon-Alpine Scenic Loop area and is available at Forest Service

offices or at the entrance stations to the Scenic Loop. The special use fee is \$6.00 for a three-day pass per vehicle, \$12.00 for a 7 day pass and \$45.00 for the annual pass.

Spanish Fork Ranger District (801) 342-5260: Maple Bench and Maple Lake campgrounds are the only two campgrounds open (with water and fees) on the Nebo Loop. The Nebo Loop south of Maple Lake is closed for approximately two weeks due to snow. All campgrounds in Diamond Fork, Hobble Creek and Maple Canyons are open with water and fees. Higher elevations roads and trails are closed due to wet/muddy conditions and snow.

Wasatch-Cache National Forest (801) 236-3400 or www.fs.fed.us/r4/wcnf

Logan Ranger District (435) 755-3620: All campgrounds and picnic areas will be open with fees, except Tony Grove, Red Banks and Sunrise, which will remain closed due to snow. Most forest roads and trails are snow covered and muddy and are not accessible. For current information please call the Logan District office.

Ogden Ranger District (801) 625-5306: All campgrounds are open with fees, except Monte Cristo and Jefferson Hunt. Highway SR 39 over Monte Cristo should be open for the weekend. Roads and trails are muddy and at higher elevations snow packed. Please TREAD LIGHTLY and avoid traveling on roads when muddy.

**Salt Lake
Ranger
District
(801) 466-
6411:**

Tanners Flat campground in Little Cottonwood Canyon will be open with fees. Sunset campground in Farmington Canyon will be open with



fees. Moss Ledge, Storm Mountain, Ledgemere, Birches and Dogwood picnic areas in Big Cottonwood Canyon will be open with fees and no water. Mueller Park picnic area in Davis County will be open with water and fees. Fernwood picnic area in Layton will be open with

water and no fee. Lower picnic areas in Millcreek Canyon are open with fees. Albion Basin in Little Cottonwood Canyon, Redman and Spruces campgrounds in Big Cottonwood Canyon will be closed due to snow. Remember Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons are Salt Lake City Municipal Watersheds and dogs are not allowed in these canyons. All campgrounds in South Willow Canyon (Stansbury Mountains, west of Tooele and Grantsville) are open with fees. Any picnic area or campground that is gated or posted closed is not legal to use.

The Mirror Lake Highway (Utah SR 150) will not be open for the Memorial Day weekend.

Evanston Ranger District (307) 789-3194: The Bear River Ranger Station will be open starting, Friday, May 23, 2008. The ranger station will be open Thursdays through Mondays

from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm. Stillwater, East Fork and Bear River campgrounds will be open with fees, but no water. All other campgrounds, roads and trails will be closed due to snow, wet and muddy conditions.



Kamas Ranger District (435) 783-4338: Yellow Pine, Lower Provo and Soapstone campgrounds will be the only campgrounds on the Kamas Ranger District open for the Memorial Day weekend, with fees. Roads and trails are muddy and at higher elevations snow packed. Please TREAD LIGHTLY and avoid traveling on roads when muddy.

Visitors parked or camping along the Mirror Lake Scenic Byway must display a fee pass. 3 Day passes are \$6.00, 7-day

passes are \$12.00 and annual passes are \$45.00. Passes can be purchased at Forest Service Offices in Kamas Utah, Evanston Wyoming and local business in Kamas and Evanston. A Special Order for bear control was implemented on the Evanston and Kamas Ranger Districts in 1998. The order prohibits forest users from possessing or storing any type of food, refuse, unwashed cooking supplies and/or utensils, except in vehicles, trailers, or in other air tight, lockable, hard containers while on the Kamas or Evanston Ranger Districts from sunrise to sunset. This includes all pet foods, horse feed, etc. The order is not only for the public's protection but also to protect the bears. Bears that consume human food from developed and/or non-developed camps may sometimes have to be euthanized because they will continue to raid camps in search of food. Visitors recreating on the Kamas and Evanston Ranger Districts need to be cautious during the season and use proper food storage so as not to attract bears to their camp.

Mountain View Ranger District (307) 782-6555: Bridger Lake, Marsh Lake, China Meadows and Hoop Lake campgrounds will be open with fees. Higher elevation roads and trails will be closed due to snow. If you are planning to use livestock on National Forest lands, remember that you are permitted to use only certified weed free straw, hay or pellets. When hiking, always carry extra water and food and take along a coat and something to make a fire with, just in case you get stuck on the mountain for the night and in case the weather turns bad. Always let someone know where you are hiking and approximately what time you will return and don't hike alone.

Weed Work Day

Saturday, May 31 2008

Starting at 8:00 am

Meet at the Rock Cliff parking area nearest the Reservoir and the Perimeter Lake Trail Trailhead.

Bring yourself, family, troop, or group and come help us clear the Perimeter Trail at Jordanelle Reservoir and get it ready for another great summer. We will be removing noxious weeds and restoring native species habitat. Please pack a lunch, water, work gloves, hand tools (shovel etc.) and proper clothing for the weather. Please RSVP to 435- 782-3030 so we can be sure to have enough drinks for everyone.



Lake Powell Fish Report

By: Wayne Gustaveson
Lake Elevation: 3601

May 21, 2008
Water Temperature: 64-72 F

Just when we have fishing patterns all figured out - they change. It is transition time once again. Stripers are near spawning and bass are lost in the rapidly rising water. Here are tips to keep up with the expected fish movements this week.

Striped bass males are extremely active lake wide. They are in large schools both in the canyons and the main channel. Schooling nature means there will be many areas without any fish and then a few spots with an endless supply of fish to catch. Here are a few locations with raging schools. Wahweap Bay near Castle Rock, Buoy 3, Buoy 9, Navajo Canyon (points past the first big island), Padre Bay – Cookie jar, Last Chance at the back of the canyon and half way in on the east Bluff with the first noticeable rock slide, Jacks Arch, Rincon near floating potty, Lake Canyon, and many spots in the northern lake. Schools up north may be harder to find with murky runoff water clouding their presence. There may actually be more stripers in the upper lake as they run to current when spawning – but they may be harder to



find.

With huge schools present in most canyons and bays the best method of locating them is to graph the 30-60 foot depth contour. It is fine to troll while looking. When a fish is hooked or a school seen on the graph, mark the spot. The location will often be well out in the bay without a good way to stay on target, unless GPS or floating marker is used to pinpoint the spot. Once marked, that school location may be good for many days. Schools I have graphed recently

resemble a tall thin vertical stack with spaces. A tall thin stack without spaces may also be a tree.

Stripers in the main lake are eating plankton so they are more likely to be caught on anchovy bait than reaction lures. One combination that works well is to chum with anchovies and fish with a spoon or crankbait to actually catch fish as they rise in response to chum.

The striper spawn will occur when water warms sufficiently to trigger females into activity. When that occurs, activity shifts to dark hours and daylight fishing slows considerably. Afternoons may be the best fishing time this week. Look for shoreline splashing activity in the evening to find a spawning school that may include a trophy female. Males will all be the 2-pound fish that have been caught so often this spring.

Rapidly rising water has flooded new ground that is far way from where bass were residing. In gently sloping area bass are hard (not impossible) to find. Fish much deeper water to catch the bigger bass. The trick this time of year is to fish vertical habitat where bass can go up and down instead of moving laterally to stay in the comfort zone while water rises. The exception and best place to fish, is the slick rock canyons. Here much of the habitat is vertical cliff with cracks and ledges for cover. Bass will be in the likely looking spots along walls and in cracks. Some of the best canyons to fish now for bass include: Face, West, Oak, Reflection, Hidden Passage, Escalante River, Iceberg, and Moki. Again the canyons uplake are still good but the main channel may be muddy.

Fishing remains great – it just requires a slight adjustment to keep up with the moods of the quarry.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND REPORT

Salt Lake - Utah State Parks anticipates full campgrounds, and busy waterways and trails this Memorial Day Weekend. Whether you're camping, hiking, boating, biking, or riding OHVs, park rangers encourage visitors to be prepared for a safe holiday weekend.

Stay safe this weekend by following these safety tips:

- Wear your lifejacket
- Wear a helmet when operating and riding off-highway vehicles
- Don't forget sunscreen
- Do not operate a boat or OHV while under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- Stay hydrated - drink plenty of water
- Build fires in designated fire pits and extinguish thoroughly

It's not too late to reserve a campsite at a Utah state park. The following parks have campsites available, and reservations may be made up to two days before your arrival: Jordanelle, Red Fleet, Scofield, Starvation, Utah Lake, Wasatch Mountain, and Yuba.

To make a reservation or for more information, please call 322-3770 from within the Salt Lake calling area and (800) 322-3770 from outside the area.

UTAH STATE PARKS BOATING TIP OF THE WEEK

Salt Lake - Utah State Parks Boating Education Specialist Chris Haller reminds boaters that every vessel used on Utah's waterways must carry basic safety equipment. A vessel is any type of watercraft used as a means of transportation on water, which includes motorboats, sailboats, and personal watercraft.

Each vessel should carry the following:



- Wearable, Type I, II or III, properly sized US Coast Guard approved life jacket for each person on board the vessel
- Bailing device, such as a bucket or bilge pump
- Spare propulsion, such as an extra paddle, oar or motor
- Sound producing device, such as a horn or whistle
- An appropriately numbered US Coast Guard approved fire extinguisher for motorboats with gasoline or diesel engines
- At least one Type IV throwable PFD for vessels 16 feet or longer in length
- Navigation lights for operating a boat between sunset and sunrise

Remember, a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket must be worn by anyone under age 13, those boating on a river, on a personal watercraft (PWC), and anyone being towed behind a boat.

For more information, visit www.stateparks.utah.gov or call (801) 538-BOAT. Remember, Utah Boaters...WEAR IT!

POSSIBLE RAMP CLOSURES AT DEER CREEK STATE PARK

Heber - Water levels will fluctuate this summer at Deer Creek Reservoir possibly forcing temporary closures of the boat ramps. Due to seismic improvements on Deer Creek Dam, water levels must be lowered to no higher than 50 percent of normal capacity.



Deer Creek Island Resort, located on the east shore of Deer Creek Reservoir, will remain open throughout the summer season for boat launching and other water recreation. For boat rentals, wakeboard lessons, and restaurant information, please call the resort at (435) 654-2155. For current condition information, please call (435) 654-0171 or visit

www.stateparks.utah.gov.

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE SAFETY ENCOURAGED OVER MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Salt Lake -- Utah State Park off-highway vehicle (OHV) managers remind everyone to ride safely and responsibly over the Memorial Day weekend. Riders should be properly trained and prepared, and ride in a responsible manner.

Utah State Parks urges parents to enroll children in a Know Before You Go! training course, which is required by Utah law. By passing this course, drivers eight through 16 may legally operate an OHV. Drivers 16 years and older must have a valid driver's license or OHV education certificate. Remember, children under age eight cannot operate an OHV on public land.

In addition to preparation and training, Utah State Parks OHV Education Specialist Ann Evans offers the following guidelines for safe OHV riding:

- Always wear a safety-rated and properly fitted helmet, goggles, clothing covering arms and legs, and over-the-ankle boots.
- Check mechanical controls and safety devices on your machine before you ride to ensure proper operation.
- Do not take alcohol or drugs along for the ride.
- Ride your OHV only in areas designated for their use. The best way to protect your riding privilege is to stay on the trail.
- Do not carry passengers on single-person machines. However, never ride alone and always let someone know your itinerary.

- Carry tools and survival gear in the event of changing weather conditions and mechanical failure.
- Respect closed areas and private property. Don't cut switchbacks or take shortcuts. Remember, areas signed as wilderness are closed to all motorized vehicles.
- OHVs should not be used as “babysitters” by parents at any time, especially in campgrounds or neighborhood roads.

To register for Know Before You Go! classes or for information on OHV laws and riding areas, contact the OHV Information Center at (801) 538-7433 from within Salt Lake City, or 1-800-OHV-RIDE (648-7433) from outside the area.

CAMP FLOYD STATE PARK AND FORT DOUGLAS MUSEUM STAFF HOST HISTORIC SIMPSON TRAIL RIDE

Fairfield - In celebration of the 150th Anniversary of Camp Floyd, park staff in partnership with the Fort Douglas Museum, is conducting an historic trail ride, June 20 and 21, from Fort Bridger, Wyoming to Camp Floyd in Utah's Cedar Valley. Participants will travel a portion of the path taken by Captain Simpson in 1858 to establish a new route from Fort Bridger to Camp Floyd. The ride will tour Forts Bridger and Scott, remain overnight in Evanston, and return through Echo Canyon ending at Camp Floyd. The ride begins and ends at the Fort Douglas Museum.

The tour is limited to 27 participants and requires advanced reservations and a fee of \$130 per participant, based on double occupancy. Fee includes transportation, park entrance fees, motel (based on double occupancy), and two lunch meals. Reservations must be received by May 20.

Noted author and historian John Eldredge is the tour guide and will relay stories of the army's experiences traveling from Fort Bridger to Camp Floyd in the spring of 1858.

Soldiers from Johnston's Army arrived in Salt Lake City on June 21, 1858, to establish federal authority in Utah territory and serve as a posse comitatus for the territorial governor. Troops had spent a miserable winter at Fort Bridger before arriving in Utah and establishing Camp Floyd. The Army was recalled back east in 1861 for the Civil War.

Camp Floyd State Park is located 22 miles southwest of Lehi on Highway 73 in the town of Fairfield. The park and museum are open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information about the park or the historic trail tour, contact the park at (801) 768-8932.

The Fort Douglas Museum is located at historic Fort Douglas on the University of Utah campus (32 Potter Street). The museum is open Thursday through Saturday 12 to 5 p.m.

For registration information, contact the Fort Douglas Museum at (801) 581-1251, or

LOW WATER LEVELS AT WILLARD BAY STATE PARK

Willard - Due to repairs on the dike at Willard Bay, the reservoir is at 45 percent of capacity. Boats can launch at the north marina with approximately six feet of water at the boat ramp and three feet just outside the marina mouth. The south marina is closed to launching. Boat docks and slips are not available. The park rescue boat is not in the water, so boaters are advised to use extreme caution and boat at their own risk.

The campgrounds and day-use areas at the north marina are open. Camping fees are \$16 for primitive sites and \$25 for full hookups. Both campgrounds have restrooms with flush toilets and showers. Reservations are strongly encouraged.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation anticipates completion of this project by fall 2009. For more information, please call (435) 734-9494 or visit www.stateparks.utah.gov.

ROCKIN' UTAH IN UTAH'S STATE PARKS

Salt Lake -- Play, discover and explore the great outdoors as part of the Utah State Parks Rockin' (Reaching Out Connecting Kids in Nature) Utah initiative. Join park staff throughout the summer to learn new activities, get active and enjoy Utah's state parks.

Unless otherwise noted, each event is limited to 10 families. Pre-registration is required. To register, visit stateparks.utah.gov or call 1-800-322-3770 (outside the Salt Lake calling area) or 322-3770 (inside the Salt Lake calling area).

Select from this list of statewide Rockin' Utah activities:

Go Fish! Saturday, June 7

Yuba State Park / Otter Creek State Park / Scofield State Park Learn the basics of a rod and reel; how to tie a clinch knot, bait a hook, cast, and set a hook and more. June 7 is also Free Fishing Day in Utah. Licenses are not required on this day.

I Spy! Saturday, June 14

Wasatch Mountain State Park / Antelope Island State Park / Dead Horse Point State Park / Huntington State Park Watch wildlife, from raptors to reptiles. Explore the wildlife world; learn how, when and where to look for wildlife, and identify tracks and scat. (Huntington State Park hosts a Scorpion Quest: Take a night hike with blacklights in the desert!)

Happy Campers! Friday, June 27 and Saturday, June 28

Jordanelle State Park / Hyrum State Park / Fremont Indian State Park and Museum / Palisade

State Park Great Outdoors Campout: Camp and cook. Learn about cooking in the outdoors, Dutch oven cooking, camp stoves and open fire, and learn to properly build and extinguish a fire.

Helmet Head! Saturday, June 28 Palisade State Park
Saturday, July 19 Jordan River OHV State Recreation Area
Saturday, August 2 Southwest Region Office - Cedar City
Saturday, September 6 Wasatch Mountain State Park

Helmets look cool and protect your head - learn to safely ride ATVs.

Take a Hike! Saturday, June 28
Goblin Valley State Park Take a night hike in the goblins with the park naturalist. Explore the dark side of Goblin Valley State Park!

Ahoy! Saturday, July 12
Rockport State Park / Utah Lake State Park Wear It! Life jackets float, you don't! Try out a variety of water activities. Learn boating and water safety. Participants will learn the importance of wearing a life jacket and basic water safety.

Go Fly a Kite! Saturday, July 19
Flight Park State Recreation Area Learn to fly a kite!

History Hunt! July 31 - August 2
Iron Mission State Park Museum - Iron History Day Camp

Saturday, August 9
Utah Field House of Natural History State Park Museum - Limited to 10 participants
Camp Floyd / Stagecoach Inn State Park Museum Fremont Indian State Park and Museum
Territorial Statehouse State Park Museum (Rock Walk) Discover dinosaurs, pull a pioneer handcart or climb into a kiva.

Take a Hike! Saturday, August 16
Red Fleet State Park / Willard Bay State Park / Kodachrome Basin State Park
Give your television the boot and walk on the wild side while learning tips for responsible hiking.

UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

May 30 Goblin Valley State Park - Green River
Lawn Chair Astronomy: Ever wonder how much city lights affect our night sky? What is the sky like without nearby lights? Join park staff to take a deeper look at Goblin Valley's night sky. Meet at 9 p.m. at the Observation Point above the Valley of the Goblins. (435) 564-3633.

May 30 - October 30 Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum - Blanding

The Art of Dominic Arquero and Imogene Goodshot: Finely-painted gourd pots, prints, and delicate beaded pendants and jewelry are on display. (435) 678-2238

May 31 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway

Junior Ranger Program: Geocaching: A High Tech Treasure Hunt- If you are between the ages of six and 12, you can become a Junior Ranger by joining the naturalist in this exciting Geocaching adventure. Learn to use a GPS and find cool stuff. Program begins at 1 p.m. at the campground office. (435) 654-1791

May 31 Wasatch Mountain State Park – Midway

Astronomy: Stories of Light- Join the park naturalist at 9 p.m. for an evening viewing and learning about the stories of light in our night sky. Learn some constellations and get a glimpse of just how big space really is. Program is held at the campground amphitheater, weather permitting. (435) 654-1791

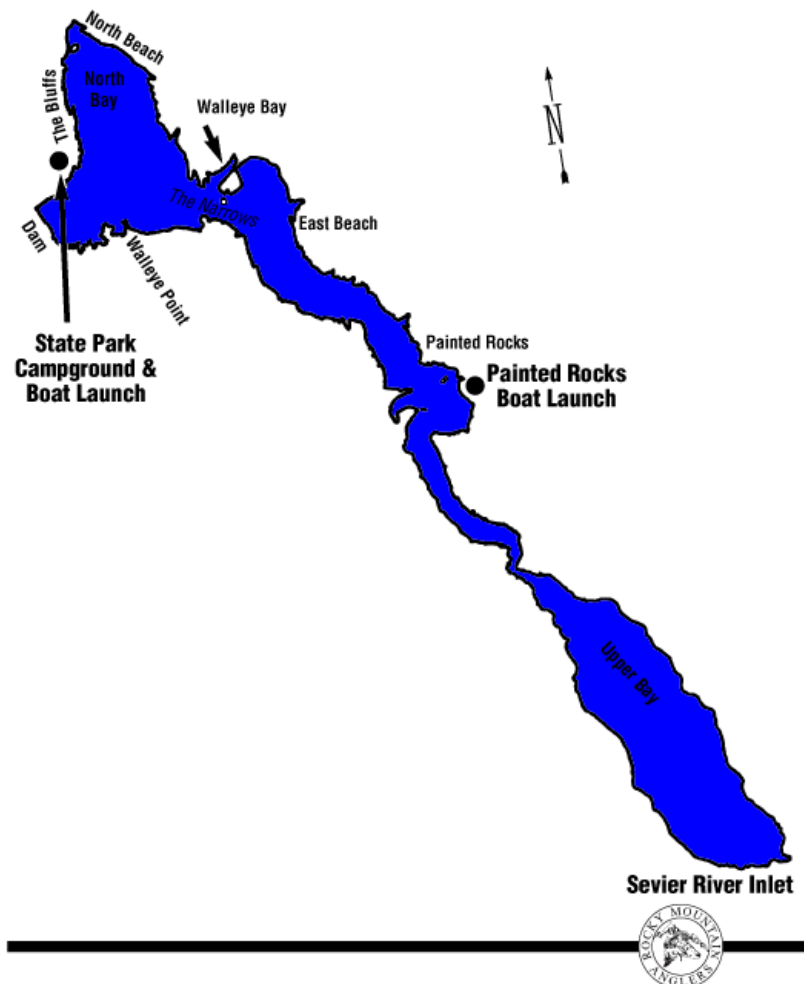
May 31 Goblin Valley State Park - Green River

Junior Ranger Program:
Incredible Insects- What is the difference between a bug and an insect? Find out that and more as we search for the mini-beasts of Goblin Valley. This program is geared toward children six through 12, but everyone is welcome. Earn a Junior Ranger badge and have fun! Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Observation Point above the Valley of the Goblins. (435) 564-3633

May 31 Goblin Valley State Park - Green River

Evening Program: The Wet Desert- There is no denying that Goblin Valley does not get a lot of rain. But water has unmistakably left its

YUBA RESERVOIR (SEVIER BRIDGE RESERVOIR)



mark all over the landscape. From violent flash floods to ephemeral water pockets, join park staff to see how water carves, nurtures, and defines the desert. Meet at 8:30 p.m. at the amphitheater just past the campground. (435) 564-3633

May 31 - June 1 Yuba State Park - Levan
Yuba Walleye Fishing Tournament: For more information or to register, visit

www.starvationclassic.com/yuba.htm.

June 7 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway

Free Fishing Day: Pathways To Fishing event-

Kids up to the age of 14 are invited to join park staff and Division of Wildlife volunteers at the visitor center pond from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a day of fishing, fun, and prizes. Space is limited and registration is required. (435)

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June 11 - July 16 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway

Youth Fishing Club! Kids ages five to 12 are invited to sign up for this six-week fishing club. The Club meets every Wednesday beginning June 11 from 9 to 11 a.m., to learn fishing skills, etiquette, and information about our natural resources. Each week involves a short lesson on various fishing topics, followed by time spent fishing the visitor center pond. Space is limited, so sign up early.

Summer Mountain Biking, Hiking, Scenic Chairlift Rides and Dining Offered Seven Days A Week

DEER VALLEY RESORT, PARK CITY, UTAH (May 15, 2008) – Summer activities at Deer Valley Resort kick off June 13th this year (conditions permitting), welcoming guests to enjoy mountain biking, hiking, scenic chairlift rides and dining at Royal Street Café, open seven days a week from June 13th through Labor Day. (Lift-accessed mountain biking, hiking and scenic rides will continue to be offered weekends only after Labor Day through September 14th, conditions permitting.)

“With over 55 miles of trail for mountain biking and hiking, lift-served access for those who desire it, scenic chairlift rides and one of the best restaurants in the state nestled mid-mountain at our Resort, the possibility for an unforgettable summer day at Deer Valley is 100 percent,” says Chuck English, Resort director of mountain operations. “There’s a low-key and relaxed atmosphere here during the summer months, and activities are focused around the natural beauty of our mountain landscape. Our staff provides a fun and friendly environment with lots of options for exploring our gorgeous summer setting.”

Access to the top of the 9,400-foot Bald Mountain for hiking, biking or scenic riding is via the Silver Lake Express and Sterling Express chairlifts, both high-speed quads. The Silver Lake Express lift operates seven days a week during Deer Valley’s summer season, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (conditions permitting).

The Sterling Express chairlift will operate seven days a week as well during the same period, but will close at 5 p.m. All-day, lift-served mountain bike passes are \$28, and single-ride passes with bike are \$19. Scenic chairlift ride passes are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors (65+) and \$12 for children ages six to 12, with kids five and under riding for free. A round-trip scenic chairlift ride ticket for the Silver Lake Express lift only is \$8. Purchasing a \$275 Season Pass allows riders unlimited access to both chairlifts all summer long, or you can purchase a \$550 interchangeable Hospitality Pass. Please note that any Deer Valley guest with a 2007/2008 winter Season or Hospitality ski pass can ride the lift free all summer. Simply stop into a Deer Valley Ticket Office to upgrade winter passes to summer passes.

High-quality, full-suspension mountain bikes are offered for rent at Mountain Bike Rentals located at Snow Park (base) or Silver Lake (mid-mountain) Lodges. Mountain Bike Rentals are open seven days a week during Deer Valley's summer season, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (conditions permitting). The bike fleet consists of top-of-the-line mountain bikes, suited specifically for mountain bikers, with forgiving suspensions and comfortable seating. Bike rentals for adults are \$47 to \$63 for a full-day or \$37 to \$52 for a half-day (three hours), depending on the style of bike rented. Bike rentals for juniors, 12 years and under (tire sizes 20" or 24"), are \$33 for a full-day or \$23 for a half-day (three hours). Bike rental includes a complimentary water bottle. A full line of accessories, such as tires, tubes, water bottles, gloves and protective gear, are also available; helmets are required for bikers. Helmet rentals are available as well for \$12 for a regular helmet or \$18 for a full face helmet per day.

The Deer Valley Mountain Bike School operates seven days a week during Deer Valley's summer season (conditions



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permitting). The school offers scheduled clinics and tours for all abilities taught by professional, trained instructors and is based out of Snow Park Lodge. Please call 435-645-6648 for reservations and information.

Deer Valley's Royal Street Café will be open seven days a week for lunch, so hungry hikers, bikers and sightseers can quench their thirst and satiate their appetites with fresh fare, such as the mouthwatering chipotle BBQ Burger, fried green tomato and chevre salad, shrimp and

lobster layered with papaya salsa and fresh guacamole served in a margarita glass, gourmet panini and more. The outside deck, adorned with a green and white-striped awning and colorful flower boxes, is a favorite lunchtime spot for the entire town of Park City. Royal Street Café is located at the mid-mountain Silver Lake Lodge adjacent to Deer Valley's Silver Lake Express chairlift and is open for lunch 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., seven days a week during Deer Valley's summer season. Deer Valley rewards guests who purchase a lift ticket at the Snow Park Ticket Office only and ride the Silver Lake Express lift on their way to lunch at the Royal Street Café by giving them a full-day lift voucher for future riding. Those looking for beverage items, such as juice, bottled water,



specialty coffee drinks and snack items, such as candy bars and chips, will find them at Deer Valley Etc. in Snow Park Lodge at the Resort base. Deer Valley Etc. is open daily during Deer

Valley's summer season, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and evenings during concerts.

For more information on Deer Valley's summer mountain biking, hiking, scenic chairlift rides and dining operations, please contact the Resort Communications Manager Erin Grady at 800-424-DEER (3337), 435-645-6522, or view the Resort web site at www.deervalley.com.

Ski Utah and Resort Partners Shine in National Magazine Advertising Review

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH- Ski Utah and its resort partners were recently hailed for their effective marketing campaigns in the May issue of Ski Area Management (SAM) magazine. The magazine's "Best/Worst Print Ads of 2007-08" highlighted three Utah ads in the "Most Inspiring" category.

Ski Utah's innovative sticker page, inserted in Freeski magazine, was praised as a creative way to specifically target the youth market. The sticker sheet fronted a nontraditional shot of a skier completely consumed by a cloud of powder snow, and the clever type, "Gives new meaning to the phrase, 'under the weather'."

Deer Valley Resort was also recognized for knowledge of their market. SAM cited a Deer Valley ad where a skier carves turns through a superimposed checklist of Deer Valley-specific

activities. An ad for The Canyons Resort was awarded "Best Non-Skiing Inspiration" for its ability to communicate a dynamic message through a non-skiing activity. Snowbasin was awarded the "Most Inspiring Message" with the company's "It's your turn" campaign.



"Ski Utah strives to be the leader in tourism marketing," said Ski Utah President Nathan Rafferty. "It is a great honor to have our efforts recognized in such a competitive field." Rafferty also hinted that readers can expect to see more remarkable campaigns coming out of the state's ski industry in the near future.

Ski Utah is the marketing firm owned and operated by the 13 statewide ski resorts that make up the Utah Ski and Snowboard Association. The organization has been creating brand awareness of and demand for the Utah wintersports product since its inception in 1978. Utah's ski industry contributes approximately \$700 million dollars to the state economy.

Shooting Range Grant Program Created by NSSF

NEWTOWN, Conn. -- The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) has announced a new program designed to help local public and private ranges increase participation in the shooting sports.

The Range Partnership Grant Program is making available a total of \$250,000 per year for projects that specifically address one or more of the following objectives: recruitment of new shooters, reactivation of lapsed shooters and increased opportunities for active shooters to try another discipline. The NSSF is especially interested in new, creative approaches to these challenges.

"This program was inspired by the success of our Hunting Heritage Partnership grant program, which funds recruitment and retention efforts conducted by state wildlife agencies," commented NSSF Senior Vice President Chris Dolnack. "We are confident that this concept will also work for shooting ranges."

Eligible organizations are limited to public or private ranges and clubs, or educational institutions with hunting or shooting sports curriculums and faculty.

Grant guidelines and applications are available at www.rangeinfo.org/grants.

Pet Sitter Preparedness: Top 10 Things Every Pet Owner Must Know About Their Pet Sitter or Dog Walker

For many travelling pet owners, at-home pet sitting and dog walking services have become the preferred method of professional pet care over kennel boarding and daycare facilities. But, buyer beware. Despite conventional thinking, all home-based pet sitting and dog walking services are not alike. This according to Paul Mann, CEO of FETCH! Pet Care, who notes, "Amid intense industry growth and a glut of so-called 'professional' animal caregivers having entered the field, now more than ever pet owners should perform due diligence before leaving their beloved four-legged family member in anyone else's care."

As the nation's leading name in professional at-home pet care, FETCH! Pet Care encourages traveling pet owners to keep their pets in a home setting so the animal can maintain normal activities and be nurtured in familiar surroundings. This will also help Fido or Felix avoid serious health concerns associated with kennel and group boarding, including anxiety, depression, kennel cough and the potentially deadly canine influenza virus.

To help consumers make informed decisions this spring and summer travel season, FETCH! Pet Care reveals the top 10 things every pet owner should know about his or her pet sitter or dog walker:

- 1) Do they have good references that are amenable to being contacted? At least three should be voluntarily provided?
- 2) Are they fully licensed, bonded *and* insured?
- 3) Can the sitter accommodate both your pet's daily feeding and walking schedule as well as your desired vacation schedule...even during busy travel seasons?
- 4) Does the company offer 7-day per week telephone and email availability?
- 5) Has the pet sitter or dog walker undergone a criminal background check and has he or she received proper training?
- 6) Will the professional conduct a pre-interview with your pet(s) present to observe interactions and establish a "comfort level" for both you and the pet(s)?
- 7) Will the professional follow your instructions regarding how you would like his/her time allocated during each visit in terms of walking, playing, feeding, cleaning, etc.?

- 8) Does the pet sitter have emergency medical procedures in place, and does he or she have experience with animal first aid training or with administering medications, if needed?
- 9) Does the company have “backup” measures in place should the sitter have an emergency that prevents them from completing your assignment?
- 10) Is the company or the professionals a current member of Pet Sitters International, the world’s largest organization for professional pet sitters?

“These are questions every pet owner should ask before hiring a professional pet sitting service, said Mann. “If a pet owner takes these ten relatively simple things into account before they entrust their pet to an animal sitting or dog walking service, they can enjoy peace of mind that their pet - and their home - will be well cared for.”

COLEMAN PROVIDES SOLUTION FOR DISPOSAL OF SINGLE-USE PROPANE CYLINDERS

New Green Key Tool Is First Step in Making Empties Recyclable

WICHITA, Kan. (May 16, 2008) - Rolling off the production line this spring is the patent-pending Coleman® Green Key® tool, the first step in making empty single-use propane cylinders recyclable. With the introduction of this simple, industry-changing device, The Coleman Company, Inc. enables U.S. consumers to be sure their propane cylinders are completely empty before they are discarded along with regular household trash or recycled when and where recycling programs become available.

The ubiquitous green cylinders are familiar to campers all over the United States and just about anyone else who has used a portable, propane-powered cooking, heating or lighting device outside. However, unlike their large bulk tank cousins, these small single-use cylinders are not refillable (due to federal law prohibiting transportation of this type of cylinder if refilled), leaving some people uncertain about proper disposal or wishing the cylinders could be recycled.

The accepted practice for ensuring that a cylinder is empty has always been to use it on a stove, lantern or other propane-powered device until the propane runs out, at which time the appliance will stop working. However, after that, to be certain that there is no propane left in the cylinder, individuals now can go a step further by inserting the Green Key tool into the top of the cylinder, where it will remain permanently lodged. After two minutes, they can then discard or recycle the steel cylinder, confident in knowing that the presence of the bright green device indicates the cylinder is open and empty.



Fig. 1



Fig. 2

"By educating consumers and the recycling industry, we want to make the Green Key tool an easily recognized symbol that a propane cylinder is open, has no propane left in it and, therefore, is potentially as easy to recycle as an ordinary steel can," said Darrell Neugebauer, Coleman's director of burning appliances and fuels.

Expanding Recycling Programs for More Waste Diversion

Along with introducing the Green Key tool to consumers, Coleman is inviting communities in the United States and Canada to integrate empty single-use propane cylinders into curbside and drop-off programs as part of steel can recycling. Coleman is providing technical information to waste haulers and recycling facilities on how to divert these empty cylinders from landfill to recycling.

"Coleman and other manufacturers combined produce millions of single-use propane cylinders annually, creating a tremendous opportunity for a new source of recycled steel," Neugebauer said. "We want propane cylinder recycling eventually to become as routine as steel can recycling. That's why Coleman is leading the way to help make these cylinders recyclable, but we need community and individual help to make it happen.

"In the meantime, the new Green Key tool means that consumers can dispose of the cylinders with the certainty that they are open and completely empty," Neugebauer said. "Consumers also may be interested to know that Coleman's propane cylinders - like many other steel products on the market today - are made with an average minimum of 25 percent recycled content."

Beginning in May 2008, the Green Key tool will be packaged inside the cap of most Coleman-branded propane cylinders and will be available at REI, Dick's Sporting Goods and other select sporting goods retailers nationwide. Cylinders with the Green Key tool included will be clearly marked, so consumers will know which propane cylinders come with the tool.

The Green Key tools will also be sold separately - in packages of six - and can be purchased at select retailers and at www.coleman.com. These can be used with any existing Coleman propane cylinder.

For more information, see the separate [*Green Key Tool Q&A Fact Sheet*](#).

Gorilla™ Introduces Two-Person Stand

With Zero-G™ Comfort

FLUSHING, MI - Two-person stands offer a great opportunity for hunters to share the experience, but often times the ability to hunt together meant you had to sacrifice comfort - that is until now. Introducing the Two-Person Expedition Lounger from Gorilla Treestands Inc., a 17 foot two-person ladder stand with Zero-G seating and padded backrests.



The Two-Person Expedition Lounger features padded armrests, a flip-back padded shooting rail, and two Zero-G padded seats. In addition, the stand features dual rail ladder sections, Gorilla's new Black Traxion™ metal finish, and Mossy Oak® Treestand camouflage.

The new Treestand pattern utilizes the same silhouette-altering technology found in all the Mossy Oak patterns. It was designed specifically for hunting from an elevated position, effectively erasing the outline of an elevated hunter among the bare limbs of a late fall tree.

The 17-foot stand has a generous 44" x 26" platform and two 19" x 14" seats.

Gorilla Inc. is an award-winning manufacturer of high performance treestands and accessories for hunters who demand comfort, strength and stealth. For more information on the **King Kong Lounger XLS** visit www.gorillatreestands.com.

Celebrate Fishing/Boating Week at a National Wildlife Refuge

Introduce your youngster to fishing, or come fish together as a family at a national wildlife refuge during National Fishing and Boating Week, June 1-8. Most states waive fishing license requirements for one or two days during the week and America's national wildlife refuges are great places to take advantage of this opportunity to get outdoors and connect with nature.

More than 270 national wildlife refuges and wetland management districts offer a variety of fishing opportunities throughout the country. Information about fishing on national wildlife refuges is available on an easy-to-navigate Web site:

<http://www.fws.gov/refuges/FishingGuide/index.html>

Kanab Volunteer Selected to Win the Bureau of Land Management's 2008 National Volunteer Award for "Making a Difference"

Scott Richardson of Flagstaff, Arizona, was among the eight outstanding individual and team volunteers selected to receive recognition at BLM's 2008 "Making a Difference" National Volunteer Awards. The awards were presented at a special ceremony at the U.S. Department of the Interior's historic South Penthouse and Roof Terrace in Washington, D.C., on May 8. Ceremony speakers and presenters included Deputy BLM Director Henri Bisson, BLM Assistant Directors and Associate State Directors.

The 2008 winners are some of our nation's most enthusiastic volunteers, having donated significant time and effort in the year 2007 on behalf of America's 262 million acres of BLM-managed public lands and natural/cultural resources.

Utah's winning volunteer, Scott Richardson, has donated a minimum of 500 hours per

year, for the past four years, to the paleontology program at the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. In 2006, he discovered a complete skull and partial skeleton of a new type of ceratopsid dinosaur.

Almost unbelievably, in 2007, he followed up that find with another skull of the same kind of animal. Scott's discoveries comprise the only two known specimens in existence. In addition, Scott has documented hundreds of important new vertebrate fossil sites, including several relatively complete dinosaurs skeletons with skin impressions preserved. His work in the lab is no less exceptional. Richardson has been responsible for preparing important specimens for both research and public exhibit.



Without a doubt, Scott's contributions have been critical to the success of the Monument's paleontology program.

BLM, an agency of the U.S. Department of the Interior, recruits more than 20,000 volunteers each year to perform a variety of jobs, from campground host to archaeologist to educator. In many instances, volunteers serve as BLM's first point of contact with the public, playing an important ambassadorial role for the agency. In some remote areas, campgrounds and other recreation sites would be closed were it not for volunteer assistance. In order to acknowledge these invaluable volunteer contributions, BLM initiated its "Making a Difference" National Awards in 1995, holding its first recognition ceremony in 1996. This year's observance marks the twelfth annual presentation of these awards. For more information about this and other volunteer opportunities, visit our website at <http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en.html>.

Longer Seasons, New Hunts

DWR ready to share upland game ideas

Utah's hunters might have more chances to hunt upland game birds this fall and in the autumns to come. And season dates might also be more consistent across the state.

Dave Olsen, upland game coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources, says the state's upland game rules are reviewed every three years.

"Since our last review in 2005, we've received some great recommendations from our Upland Game Advisory Committee and from hunters," Olsen says. "Hunters have told us they would like more chances to hunt upland game. They would also like the upland game rules to be as simple and consistent as possible.

"We're comfortable with the input we've received. We don't believe implementing it would have negative biological effects on the state's upland game populations."

The following are among the upland game hunting rules the DWR is proposing for the next several years:

- Make Utah's general pheasant hunt a two-week hunt across the state by adding a week to the hunt in Utah County. The hunt in Utah County currently runs only one week.
- Add an extra month to the forest grouse season. The season would still start at the beginning of September, but it would run until the end of December.
- Lengthen the chukar partridge season and make the season dates the same across Utah. The state currently has three different seasons, depending on the area of Utah you're hunting. The single statewide season would begin later in September than the current seasons do, but it would run until mid-February.

Research that's been underway in Utah for several years shows that hunters generally take less than 10 percent of the state's chukar population each fall. Allowing hunters some extra weeks to hunt shouldn't have a negative effect on the populations.

- Offer two new quail hunts, one in Daggett County and one in Sanpete County.
- Offer a new sharp-tailed grouse hunt in Cache County.
- Reduce the number of mature sage-grouse hens that hunters take by moving the start of Utah's sage-grouse season from early September to late September. Utah's sage-grouse hunting seasons are relatively short, and the number of permits offered for the hunts is relatively small. But biologists would like to move the start of the season back as an added precaution.

Starting the season later would give young birds more time to become independent from their mothers. As the chicks become independent, they'll leave their moms and start dispersing. Hunting after the broods break up should reduce the number of mature hens that hunters take.

Learn more, share your ideas

All of the DWR's upland game proposals should be available at www.wildlife.utah.gov/public_meetings by May 19. Once you've read the proposals, you can provide your comments one of two ways:

RAC meetings

Five Regional Advisory Council meetings will be held across Utah. Citizens representing the RACs will take the input received at the meetings to the Utah Wildlife Board. Board members will use the input to set rules, season dates and bag limits for Utah's upcoming upland game hunts.

You can participate and provide your input at any of the following meetings:

Southern Region

May 27

7 p.m.

Cross Hollows Intermediate School

2215 W. Royal Hunte Dr.

Cedar City

Central Region

June 3

6:30 p.m.

Springville Junior High School

165 S. 700 E.

Springville

Southeastern Region

May 28

6:30 p.m.

John Wesley Powell Museum

885 E. Main St.

Green River

Northern Region

June 4

6 p.m.

Brigham City Community Center

24 N. 300 W.

Brigham City

Northeastern Region

May 29

6:30 p.m.

Western Park, Rm. #2

302 E. 200 S.

Vernal

E-mail

You can also provide your comments to your RAC via e-mail. E-mail addresses for your RAC members are available at www.wildlife.utah.gov/public_meetings .

The group each RAC member represents (sportsman, non-consumptive, etc.) is listed under each person's e-mail address. You should direct your e-mail to the people on the RAC who represent your interest.

For more information, call the nearest Division of Wildlife Resources office or the DWR's Salt Lake City office at (801) 538-4700.

Share Your Fishing Ideas with the DWR

Please share your ideas no later than June 4

If you'd like to see a fishing regulation change in Utah in 2009, now is the time to let biologists know about it.

Please share your ideas with the Division of Wildlife Resources no later than June 4.

"2009 is still a long ways off, but our biologists need time to determine how practical and biologically sound each idea is," says Drew Cushing, warm water sport fisheries

coordinator for the DWR. “They would like to receive your ideas before June 4. Then they’ll do the work needed to decide which ideas will work.”

The DWR’s will present its final recommendations to the public in September.

Cushing encourages you to share your ideas. “We hear a lot from the angling groups in the state, but we don’t hear much from anglers who don’t belong to a fishing group,” he says. “We hope anglers who don’t belong to a fishing group will share their ideas with us too.”

Three ways

You can share your ideas with the DWR three different ways:

- e-mail your ideas to DWRComment@utah.gov

- mail your ideas to:

Sport Fisheries Coordinator
Division of Wildlife Resources
Box 146301
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6301

- attend your upcoming Regional Advisory Council meeting. You can share your ideas at any of the following meetings:

Southern Region

May 27
7 p.m.
Cross Hollows Intermediate School
2215 W. Royal Hunte Dr.
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All of the proposed changes the biologists are considering for 2009 should be available at www.wildlife.utah.gov/public_meetings by May 19.

“The topics you see there are only proposals,” Cushing says. “We’re very open to what anglers think about them. We’re hoping they’ll let us know.”

Among the changes biologists are considering for 2009 are the following:

Hyrum Reservoir: Increase the bass limit to six fish. Only one of those fish could be longer than 12 inches.

“This change would accomplish two things,” Cushing says. “It would allow anglers to keep a few more bass at Hyrum. It would also make the bass limit at Hyrum the same as the bass limit at many of the other bass waters in Utah.”

Cushing says Hyrum is a water you may want to consider fishing. “Our biologists found good numbers of nice-sized bass during surveys in 2006 and 2007,” he says. “This change would allow anglers to catch and keep a few of those fish while protecting the larger fish in the reservoir.”

Flaming Gorge Reservoir: Allow anglers to fish with up to six poles when fishing through the ice. A second pole permit would not be required to fish through the ice at the reservoir.

“This change would make the ice-fishing rules at the Gorge the same between Wyoming and Utah, and it would give anglers a chance to take more burbot out of the reservoir,” says Roger Wilson, cold water sport fisheries coordinator for the DWR.

Wilson says the ice-fishing season is the best time of the year to catch burbot. “Burbot were illegally introduced to the drainage above the reservoir. We’re concerned about the effect they’ll have on the fishery,” he says. “They’re not an attractive fish, but burbot are a great fish to eat. This proposal would allow anglers to catch more burbot to take home and eat, and it would help the fishery at the same time.”

There’s no limit on the number of burbot anglers can catch. Each burbot an angler catches must be kept and killed.

Panguitch Lake: Consider changing regulations so anglers can keep more rainbow trout.

The current regulations at the lake allow anglers to keep up to four trout. However, to keep plenty of Utah chub-eating cutthroat and tiger trout in the lake, they must release all trout that are 15 to 22 inches long. Unfortunately, most of the trout anglers are catching at the lake are between 15 and 22 inches long.

“A few years ago, Utah chubs were taking the reservoir over, so in 2006 we treated the reservoir and removed all of the fish,” Wilson says.

“Panguitch Lake is a very productive and popular reservoir. We wanted to get fishing going as quickly as possible after the treatment, so we restocked it with thousands of catchable trout in May and June of 2006,” he says. “We were hoping the fish that weren’t taken by anglers immediately would grow quickly and pass the 22-inch length so anglers would have some fish to keep in the future.

“We also stocked 4- to 5-inch trout in the spring and fall of 2007. We were hoping most of these fish would remain under the 15-inch minimum through the first part of that summer. In addition to the larger trout planted the year before, these smaller trout would also provide anglers with a fish to catch and keep.”

Unfortunately, Wilson says the growth of the larger rainbows appears to be stalling at about 20 inches in length. And anglers aren’t catching many of the fingerlings that were planted in spring 2007.

The DWR is considering several options to provide more rainbow trout for anglers to catch. One idea is to allow anglers to keep rainbow trout of any size, even if they’re between 15 and 22 inches long.

Another idea is to adjust the 15- to 22-inch slot length so fewer fish fall within the length anglers are not allowed to keep.

Biologists will continue to monitor the lake’s trout populations and the size of the fish anglers are catching. The information they gather will help them know whether changes are needed in 2009.

Joes Valley Reservoir: Increase the trout limit to four fish. Only one of those splake or tiger trout could be longer than 18 inches.

“We’re trying to encourage more anglers to fish at Joes Valley,” Wilson says of the proposal. “It’s a great water to fish, but not many anglers are fishing it.”

The current regulations at the reservoir require anglers to release all trout that are between 15 and 22 inches long. “This regulation has produced some big fish, but anglers still don’t seem that interested in fishing at the reservoir. And keeping bigger fish in the reservoir has not reduced the number of Utah chubs the way we were hoping it would,” Wilson says.

Wilson says the new regulation would allow anglers to take some fish home but would still protect splake that grow longer than 18 inches.

For more information, call the nearest Division of Wildlife Resources office or the DWR’s Salt Lake City office at (801) 538-4700.

Biologists Build Barrier, Remove Fish

Work continues to contain whirling disease in the Duchesne River

Duchesne -- Biologists are hoping that constructing a fish barrier and removing fish from 1½ miles of the West Fork of the Duchesne River will stop or at least slow down the spread of whirling disease.

Biologists built the barrier and removed the fish after whirling disease was discovered in the main stem of the Duchesne River. The river is in northeastern Utah.



“We don’t know if we can completely stop the spread of whirling disease,” says Roger Schneidervin, regional aquatics manager for the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, “but we would sure like to slow it down for a very long time.”

To try and slow its spread, UDWR biologists have constructed a small barrier above the Vat Diversion. The barrier will stop fish from moving upstream. “We then treated the stream between the new barrier and the Vat Diversion with rotenone to remove all of the fish,” Schneidervin says.

Schneidervin says the biologists' goal is twofold. "We want to keep fish from moving above the new barrier to the upper reaches of the West Fork, and we want to keep fish from moving down the diversion tunnel system. This system transfers waters from the West Fork to Current Creek Reservoir, to Strawberry Reservoir, and eventually to the Wasatch Front via Diamond Fork."

Discovery

Whirling disease was discovered in the main stem of the Duchesne River in the late fall of 2006. "After the discovery, we checked to see just how far it had spread," Schneidervin says. "Our original surveys indicated it had not made it very far above the confluence between the North Fork and the West Fork."

Schneidervin believes a series of beaver dams stopped the upstream spread of fish into the West Fork. Fish sampled a mile below the Vat Diversion did not have the disease.

"With high hopes to contain it at that point, we began the process to get funding and clearance to place a barrier on the West Fork," Schneidervin says. "[Our goal] was to protect a valuable pure-strain population of Colorado River cutthroat trout and to stop the possible spread of the disease through the Vat Diversion. "

Getting past the dams

As the necessary paperwork and work to find sources to fund the barrier progressed, the UDWR continued to sample the stream.

"In June 2007, after the spring runoff, we checked the stream again," Schneidervin says. "We were quite surprised to find [that] fish [with] the disease had moved upstream.

Cutthroat trout are spring spawners. In their drive to find places to reproduce, [they] defeated the extensive complex of beaver dams."

Another discovery

By the end of the summer, everything was all lined up and ready to go. But before they built the barrier, biologists decided to take one more fish sample. They sampled



above and below the proposed barrier site.

“[The fish] came back positive [for the disease],” Schneidervin says. “We cancelled the construction of the barrier. We then [sampled] above the Vat Diversion. One fish from a sample of 54 came back positive. That really sparked a discussion [about where to place the diversion dam].”

Schneidervin says because only one fish tested positive, the group felt they could still slow the spread of whirling disease upstream or through the diversion. “The proposed barrier site was moved about 1½ miles above the diversion to a narrow spot upstream,” Schneidervin says. “We also decided to remove fish between the two structures once the new barrier was completed.

As a final measure, sentinel fish in cages were placed in the stream at the Vat Diversion. “[Sentinel fish were also placed] near the new barrier site to verify the single positive fish from the earlier sample,” Schneidervin says. “The results [turned up] negative for the 120 fish tested in the fall and the 66 tested in the spring. With only one fish [testing positive among the] 240 fish tested, there is a good possibility that the disease may not be spreading into this upper section of the stream.”

Barrier built

To beat the spring floods this year, UDWR heavy equipment crews plowed through several feet of snow and cleared some massive drifts to open the road. Then they moved huge rocks into place to construct the fish barrier. A week later, crews went in, treated the stream with rotenone, and then removed the fish that the rotenone killed between the two barriers.

“We didn’t want to leave any fish carcasses in the stream as one fish could carry hundreds of thousands of whirling disease spores just in its head [alone],” Schneidervin says. “[That’s the likely way that] whirling disease got to the Duchesne River in the first place. Research indicates the disease is likely being moved by someone taking a fish from a contaminated water and after cleaning it, throwing the head and guts into another stream or lake.”

Anglers – your help is needed

Whether whirling disease spreads in the future depends on many factors, few of which are in the UDWR’s control.

“We’ve put the structures in place. Now slowing the spread of disease depends a bit on luck and cooperation, especially [from] anglers,” Schneidervin says. “The experts generally agree [that anglers are to blame for] the recent spread of the disease.

“Some spread is likely from anglers not cleaning their gear, such as waders, after fishing in a contaminated stream. A greater threat is anglers moving fish and fish parts from one place to another.”

“With the new, exotic threats to our waters, such as whirling disease, quagga mussels, zebra snails and even plants, anglers need to learn a whole new way of dealing with their catch and equipment.”

Tips

Schneidervin says you can do several things to prevent the spread of whirling disease:

- Do not transport fish from one water to another and clean the fish in a different water. Also, if you're fishing a stream, don't move fish from one part of the stream to another area on the same stream.
- After cleaning your fish, dispose of their parts, especially their heads, in a landfill.
- If a landfill isn't available, clean the fish and dispose of their parts by burying them deep, a long way away from a water.
- Clean all of your equipment thoroughly and dry it after every use.

New way of thinking

“Fishing is a great sport, and it can supply an excellent meal,” Schneidervin says. “We just need to develop a new way of thinking and dealing with some new, serious threats to [fishing].”

Sportsmen Hail Inclusion of Open Fields in Farm Bill

New program will expand private lands access for hunters and anglers, expand the use of best management practices for conservation

WASHINGTON – The Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership strongly applauded today's announcement that Open Fields, a TRCP signature issue since the organization's inception, has been included in the final Farm Bill compromise just released by Congress.

“Our coalition is digesting the details of this huge bill that is of huge importance to fish and wildlife,” said TRCP initiative manager Geoff Mullins, “but right off the bat, we see one major victory, the inclusion of Open Fields.”

Open Fields is designed to support voluntary, state-run programs that provide incentives to private landowners who allow public hunting and fishing access on their land. Many states have established programs that work in this vein, while many others have expressed the desire to create them. An added bonus of many of these types of programs is the fact that landowners who enroll their property are required to utilize best management practices for fish and wildlife.

Preliminary details released by Congress indicate that Open Fields will receive a total of \$50 million in funding through the life of the new Farm Bill, which will expire in 2012.

“Open Fields is a winner on all fronts,” said Mullins. “It helps farmers and ranchers by establishing new financial incentives, it helps fish and wildlife by expanding their habitat base and it helps sportsmen by expanding the places where they can hunt and fish.

“The TRCP has been fortunate to facilitate the work of a broad coalition of hunters, anglers and conservationists, the Agriculture and Wildlife Working Group, that made Open Fields one of its foremost priorities,” Mullins continued. “The combined efforts of AWWG members helped get and keep Open Fields in the Farm Bill, showing the power of consensus-building and collaboration.”

“Declining access for sportsmen is a major cause of decline in the numbers of American hunters and anglers,” said TRCP President and CEO George Cooper. “This harms rural economies that depend on seasonal influxes of sportsmen, and it harms the entire country when our citizens’ connections to their lands and waters disintegrate.

“We are heartened to see that Congress understands and is addressing those threats,” Cooper continued, “and we owe a debt of gratitude to America’s union sportsmen for helping make this clear to our elected officials. Multiple national unions affiliated with the AFL-CIO joined together to push for Open Fields, as did scores of rank-and-file union members from across the country. These folks have seen the declines in sporting opportunities in their own backyards and have done something about it.”

Both houses of Congress are expected to approve the final Farm Bill compromise this week, sending it to the president’s desk.

Land Rover G4 Challenge Nevada Passage Adventure Competition - FINALE

Lyons and Lieb win U.S. Selection event, advance to International Competition

NELLIS DUNES, Nev. – Just twenty miles north of the bright lights and lavish casinos in Las Vegas, Lisa Lieb (Durango, CO) and her Tom Lyons (Reno, NV) won it big – honors at the 2008 Land Rover G4 Nevada Passage which wrapped up four 1,000 miles of adventure competition at Nellis Dunes this afternoon.

With the victory Lyons and Lieb move international selection event at Eastnor Herefordshire, United Kingdom in early along with the second place team of Hanson (Minneapolis, MN) and Sarah McMahan (Incline Village, NV). At the UK event one



partner taking top Challenge days and the sandy

on to the Castle in 2009 Peter

male and one female competitor from those two teams will be selected to represent the United States against teams from 17 other countries in the three-week-long Land Rover G4 Challenge finals in Asia mid-2009.

In today's event teams took to slipping and sliding in their LR3's at the Nellis sand dunes until they got stuck – then a winching competition broke out. Winching is the art of getting your vehicle out of trouble using the 100-feet of coiled steel-braded cable mounted on the front of each competitor's Land Rover. In this case the “trouble” was getting buried in deep, soft sand with a couple hundred feet of steep sandy hill to go.



Pulling a fully loaded 6,000 pound vehicle complete with a kayak and two bikes strapped to the roof straight up a sand dune isn't an everyday occurrence, but a skill that will come in mighty handy should the situation ever arise on the adventures these athletes embark on and was excellent training for the teams that advance and will face similar challenges in England.

With Land Rover's carving their own unique configurations in sand bowls at Nellis, recreational ATV and dirt bike riders having some fun, and fighter pilots zooming overhead on their way back to nearby Nellis Air Force base, being in the middle of the desert couldn't get much more fun and clearly is one of the reasons why *National Geographic Adventure* magazine called Las Vegas America's No.1 Adventure City.



Team Red – Jim Perkins and Brandyn Roark-Gray – posted the fastest winching time of the day at 14:52, eight seconds better than Phil Glenn and Laura Home of Team Lime Green – but the

story of the day was Lyons and Lieb winning the four-day adventure race.

The pair won the kayak and mountain biking stages, placed second in the trail run and communications stages, were charismatic and charming in the face of adversity, and steady everywhere else leading to the overall victory.

“This was just an unbelievable experience,” said Lieb. “It was a week worth of constant over-stimulation and I'm totally exhausted but in a good way. The landscape here in Nevada is really breathtaking and being able to see it all behind the wheel of a Land Rover that can handle just about anything made it all that much sweeter.”

Twenty athletes, 10 teams, 1,000 miles across Nevada's spectacular wide open spaces, camping under the stars, adventure worthy Land Rovers, amateur athletes pushing the limits

of human potential, discovering hidden talents, and ultimately living life to the fullest – the Land Rover G4 Challenge Nevada Passage was all that and more.

Nearly 100 hours of video was captured by the 20-member strong TEAM Unlimited television crew during the week, creating perhaps an even bigger challenge than the event itself – *editing it all down for a one-hour show*. The broadcast will start its run in national syndication in August, with airings through February of 2009.

Log on to www.nevadapassage.com for daily highlights and photo galleries, and follow along at www.landroverG4challenge.com as Lieb, Lyons, McMahan, and Hanson strive to become the first Americans to win an international G4 competition.

2008 LAND ROVER G4 CHALLENGE NEVADA PASSAGE FINAL RESULTS

FINAL STANDINGS			Day 1	Day 2				Day 3		Day 4	
Challenge (see key)	C	N	K	D	R	WM	W1	MTB	CL	W	Total
	Place/Pts	Pl/Pts	Pl/Pts	Pl/Pts	Pl/Pts	Pl/Pts	Pl/Pts	Pl/Pts	Pl/Pts	Pl/Pts	Pl/Pts
Team 5 - Purple					2/10		T1/4				
TOM & LISA	2/116	3/108	1/120	6/86	2	8/76	8	1/110	5/82	3/24	1/872
Team 7 - Turquoise											
PETER & SARAH	5/95	2/116	6/86	3/105	4/88	T2/8 8	T1/4 8	5/82	4/88	6/18	2/814
Team 10 - Red											
JIM & BRANDYN	1/125	5/95	7/81	2/112	9/62	T5/8 4	T1/4 8	9/62	2/102	1/30	3/801
Team 6 - Royal Blue											
ADAM & CAROLINE	9/79	9/79	2/112	5/92	5/82	1/96	T1/4 8	6/76	1/110	5/20	4/794
Team 2 - Gray											
DEAN & EMMA	7/86	1/125	3/105	10/68	1/11 0	T2/8 8	8/44	4/88	8/66	9/12	5/792
Team 1 - Green											
TIM & LINDA	6/90	10/76	4/98	1/120	6/76	T2/8 8	9/42	2/102	7/71	4/22	6/785
Team 3 - Lime Green											
PHIL & LAURA	10/76	8/82	5/92	7/81	3/95	10/6 8	7/46	3/95	3/95	2/27	7/757
Team 8 - Burgundy											
SCOTT & RACHEL	8/82	4/101	10/68	4/98	8/66	T5/8 4	T1/4 8	8/66	9/62	10/1 1	8/686

Team 4 - Orange											
NATE & SAGE	3/108	7/86	8/76	8/76	10/5 8	7/80	10/4 0	10/58	6/76	8/14	9/672
Team 9 - Yellow											
GARRETT & MARNE	4/101	6/90	9/72	9/72	7/71	9/72	T1/4 8	7/71	10/58	7/16	10/67 1
Total Allocation	125	125	120	120	110	100	50	110	110	30	1,000

Key:

C = Communication	D = Driving Challenge	WM = Written Mechanical	CL = Climbing
N = Navigation	R = Run	W1 = Written First Aid	W = Winching
K = Kayak		MTB = Mountain Bike	

BAKER RESERVOIR: Catchable-sized rainbow trout have been stocked and fishing should be fair to good using bait, lures and flies.

BARKER RESERVOIRS, NORTH CREEK LAKES: All lakes are now open to fishing. The road is now free of snow, but watch out for mud. Fishing at the Barkers was reported as slow to fair. Spring is a great time to target large brook trout. Try dark-colored marabou jigs and wooly buggers, fished near any structure like floating logs, submerged grass, large boulders, and undercut banks. Dougherty Basin is closed to fishing until July 12. Special regulations on many of the Boulder Mountain waters include a trout limit of four of which only two may be over 14 inches.

BEAVER MOUNTAIN LAKES: Access to the Kents lakes is now open. Catchable rainbows have been stocked in Middle Kents Lake.

BEAVER RIVER, LOWER: Irrigation releases from Minersville Res. have begun. Flows should still be fishable, though turbidity can be a problem. Much of the river is on private property, so please treat the area with respect. Much of the private land is open to walk-in access, but some is closed to trespass so watch for signs.

BEAVER RIVER, UPPER: Flows are a little high and muddy. Not much pressure. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease* by cleaning mud from waders and equipment. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

BOULDER MTN LAKES: Access is opening to a few mid-elevation lakes. Access to the Boulder Top will probably not open until mid-June or later. Spring is a great time to target large brook trout. Try dark-colored marabou jigs and wooly buggers, fished near any structure like floating logs, submerged grass, large boulders, and undercut banks. Special regulations on

many of the Boulder Mountain waters include a trout limit of four of which only two may be over 14 inches.

CHALK CREEK: Expect high spring flows. Wild rainbows are abundant and can be caught with spinners and flies. Best fishing is away from the campground and more heavily fished spots. The North Fork provides a good spot for those willing to hike. Meadow Creek and Pioneer Creek are other small streams in the area that contain populations of small, wild trout.

CLEAR CREEK: Flows have increased and water has a little color to it but is still very fishable. Reports of fair to good fishing for small rainbows and browns.

CORN CREEK: Flows are high and turbid. Wild brown trout are abundant and can be caught with spinners and flies.

DUCK CREEK SPRINGS/ASPEN MIRROR LAKE: Now open to fishing. Catchable-sized rainbows will be stocked for the Memorial Day weekend.

EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER KINGSTON CANYON: Flows and turbidity have increased, but the river is still fishable. Fishing was slow to fair. Recent sampling found that trout numbers are down from recent years. There is public access on a section of Kingston Canyon midway through the canyon that was purchased through the Blue Ribbon Program. Look for the signs. Most of the remainder of the canyon is private and posted, so ask permission first.

EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER BLACK CANYON: Flow and turbidity can vary with runoff from higher elevations. Fishing action should pick up whenever the water is clear. For the section of river from the BLM property boundary (about four miles south of Antimony) upstream to the confluence with Deer Creek, special regulations include the use of artificial flies and lures only and a limit of two trout. Some private land is closed to trespass, so watch for the signs.

EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER ABOVE TROPIC RES: Should be accessible, though flows could be high with runoff.

ENTERPRISE RESERVOIR: (Upper and Lower): Catchable rainbows have been stocked in the lower reservoir. The upper reservoir will not be stocked this year. The reservoir will not be filled past its current level because work on the dam will not be finished until later this summer. Irrigation needs will drain the reservoir again by summer. Extra fish have been stocked in the lower reservoir to help compensate for the loss of the upper reservoir this year. A fish consumption advisory was issued for rainbow trout in Upper Enterprise Reservoir due to elevated levels of mercury. It is recommended that adults limit their consumption to one 8-ounce portion per month. Women who may become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children should limit their consumption to one 2-ounce portion per month. For further details, visit fishadvisories.utah.gov.

FISH LAKE: The ice is gone and boats are allowed on the lake. Fishing is good to excellent for 13- to 17-inch splake by jigging just off the weedline in 15 to 30 feet. Try kastmasters or any light-colored jig tipped with perch, sucker, or chub meat. Recent sampling found that the average size and condition of splake has improved over the last two years. Most boats on the lake are trolling for lake trout, with limited success. A few rainbows are being caught by trollers. Note: A few tiger muskies have moved up from Johnson Reservoir. The general statewide limit on tiger musky applies here: 1 fish, which must be over 40 inches.

FORSYTH RESERVOIR: Recent sampling found that tiger trout and splake are abundant and in good condition. Good numbers of 20-inch tigers are present. Fishing is fair to good from shore with lures and streamers. Please help prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

FREMONT RIVER: Flows are a little high and turbid above Mill Meadow Res. The lower sections of the stream can be good at any time of year if the water is not turbid. Much of the lower stream is on private land. Ask for permission before fishing on private land. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease* by cleaning mud from waders and equipment. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

GUNLOCK RESERVOIR: Fishing is slow. Remember special regulations for bass: four bass under 10 inches and two over 20 inches. A fish consumption advisory was issued for largemouth bass from Gunlock due to elevated levels of mercury. It is recommended that adults limit their consumption of largemouth bass to two 8-ounce portions per month. Women who may become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children should limit their consumption to one 4-ounce portion per month. For further details, visit fishadvisories.utah.gov.

JOHNSON RESERVOIR: Musky fishing will pick up some time in June. The reservoir contains an abundance of suckers, Utah chubs, and small yellow perch. Special regulations: Whole fish and amphibians are not allowed as bait. Cut bait must be no longer than one inch in any dimension and only one piece per hook. Limit one tiger musky over 40 inches all tiger muskies less than 40 inches must be immediately released.

KOLOB RESERVOIR: Access is good from the south through Zion National Park. No word on the north route from Cedar Canyon, but snowdrifts are a good possibility. Recent sampling found that rainbows and cutthroat are abundant and healthy. A few large fish over 3 pound are present. Fishing is fair to good. Try flashy lures, streamers, or nymphs. Special regulations include artificial flies and lures only, with a limit of one trout, which must be over 18 inches. Scented jigs are not allowed. Tributary streams are closed to fishing until July 12. Please call the poaching hotline (1-800-662-DEER) to report violations.

KOOSHAREM RESERVOIR: Moderate pressure, even on weekdays. Bait fishing from shore is slow to fair for medium-sized cutthroat. A few large 4- to 5-lb fish are present.

LOWER BOWNS RESERVOIR: The lake is now accessible. Fishing should be good for rainbows using bait, lures, and flies.

MAMMOTH CREEK: Flows are very high and muddy. Public access is possible on some of Mammoth Creek west of Highway 89 please watch for and respect private property postings. Special regulations apply to a section of Mammoth Creek check the proclamation for details. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

MILL MEADOW RESERVOIR: Moderate pressure. Recent sampling found that medium-sized brown trout are abundant. These brown trout are wild fish spawned in the Fremont River. It is very unique to find such a dense population of wild brown trout in a reservoir. Best techniques for the browns are flashy lures, streamers, and natural baits like night crawlers and minnows. Good-sized perch up to 10 inches are semi-abundant. Please help prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

MINERSVILLE RESERVOIR: Fishing is slow and pressure has dropped off. Water clarity has improved. Irrigation releases have begun, so the water level has started to drop. Special regulations include artificial flies and lures only, with a limit of one trout, which must be over 22 inches. Scented jigs are not allowed. Please call the poaching hotline (1-800-662-DEER) to report violations. Please help prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

MONROE MOUNTAIN LAKES: The Box Creek reservoirs are accessible and catchable rainbows have been stocked. Limited access on the rest of the mountain. Manning Meadow Reservoir is closed to fishing until July 12.

NAVAJO LAKE: The ice is off and access is good. The lake did experience a partial winterkill, though good numbers of trout have been seen swimming in the shallows. Catchable-sized rainbows will be stocked for Memorial Day weekend.

NEWCASTLE RESERVOIR: Catchable-sized rainbows have been stocked. Sampling in April found that 3- to 4-pound wipers are abundant and spread out through various depths. Try trolling minnow-imitating lures for wipers. Experiment with various speeds and depths. Fishing may still be tough with the abundance of shiners. A fish consumption advisory was issued for rainbow trout in Newcastle Reservoir due to elevated levels of mercury. It is recommended that adults limit their consumption to two 8-ounce portions per month. Women who may become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children should limit their consumption to one 4-ounce portion per month. For further details, visit fishadvisories.utah.gov.

OTTER CREEK RESERVOIR: Fishing has picked up from the boats, both trolling and bait fishing. A few fish are still being caught from shore. Please help prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

PANGUITCH LAKE: Fishing from shore varies from slow to very good, depending on technique and weather. Worm and marshmallow combo is the best bait for rainbows. Cutthroats are being caught on lures. Fly anglers have done well fishing against the shoreline in the wind with olive wooly buggers and nymphs drifted below a strike indicator. Boat fishing is starting to pick up. Special Regulations: Limit is four trout, which must be less than 15 inches or over 22 inches. All trout 15 to 22 inches must be released. Trout caught at Panguitch Lake cannot be filleted, or the head or tail removed, until you get home. Some tributaries are closed until July 12 — check the [Utah Fishing Guide](#) for which streams are closed. Tips for releasing fish in the slot (15 to 22 inches): If a fish swallows the hook, please cut the line to avoid mortality. A fish can pass a swallowed hook and survive, while digging the hook out will almost certainly kill the fish. Also try fishing with single hooks instead of treble hooks.

PARAGONAH (RED CREEK) RESERVOIR: Moderate pressure. Fishing is fair for 14- to 15-inch rainbows using lures. Some midge hatches are producing good fly fishing in the evening. Remember that the rainbows here are wild fish, so bait usually doesn't produce as well as flies and lures. Tributary streams are closed to fishing until July 12. Lots of rainbows run up Red Creek to spawn. Take some time to walk along the creek and observe the fish, but please do not harass or chase the fish. Rainbows are very abundant. Harvest is encouraged to allow fish to stay in balance with the food base.

PINE LAKE: The ice is off and access is good. Catchable-sized rainbows have been stocked, so fishing should pick up. The lake had a small winterkill, so you will notice a few dead fish.

PINE VALLEY RESERVOIR: Catchable rainbows have been stocked once this spring and will be stocked again for the Memorial Day weekend.

PIUTE RESERVOIR: Fishing has picked up from the boats, both trolling and bait fishing. A few fish are still being caught from shore.

QUAIL LAKE: Water temperature ranges from the mid to upper 60s. Large bass are in shallow on spawning beds. Fishing is fair. Remember the special regulations for bass: four bass under 10 inches and two over 20 inches.

SAND COVE RESERVOIRS: Catchable rainbows have been stocked in the upper reservoir. Good numbers of largemouth bass and bluegill in both reservoirs.

SAND HOLLOW RESERVOIR: Bass fishing is good to excellent. Small fish are found just about everywhere while large fish are found closer to brush, rock edges, or in deeper water. Dark-colored senkos are a popular bait. New bass limit is six, with one over 12 inches. Public access to the reservoir is available only through the State Park.

SEVIER RIVER (UPPER), ASAY CREEK: Flows and turbidity are high due to runoff. Most of the trout water on the upper Sevier is located upstream (south) from the town of

Hatch. Intermittent sections of good habitat are present above Hatch and easily accessible from Highway 89. Asay Creek west of Highway 89 is on private land and access is restricted.

SEVIER RIVER MARYSVALE CANYON: Water is now being released from Piute Res. and flows are very high. No fishing pressure.

THOUSAND LAKES MTN: Solomon Basin is accessible from both Forsyth Res. and Emery County. The higher lakes to the south are still inaccessible.

TROPIC RESERVOIR: Catchable rainbows have been stocked. Spring is a good time to target large brown trout. The local favorite technique is a dead minnow fished on the bottom.

URBAN PONDS: Washington County: Lots of pressure on the weekends, moderate on weekdays. Fishing is good with any technique, though adults are encouraged to use flies or lures. Trout fishing will be slowing down as the weather warms. Iron County: Catchable rainbows have been stocked in Parowan Pond and will be stocked in Woods Ranch Pond for the Memorial Day weekend.

WIDE HOLLOW RESERVOIR: Catchable rainbows have been stocked. Lots of wind lately and fishing was slow. Action for bluegill and bass could pick up anytime.

YANKEE MEADOW RESERVOIR: The road is completely open and the reservoir is ice-free. Pressure has increased. Rainbows are very close to shore, so don't cast out too far. Bait fishing varies from slow to fair. Best bait fishing success is with nightcrawlers early in the morning. PowerBait is not producing as much. Lure fishermen are doing well with Jake's and Kastmasters. Fly anglers are having good success with beadhead nymphs drifted below a strike indicator. Most hookups are within a few feet of shore. Most fish caught are 12- to 17-inch rainbows in very good condition. A few nice brook trout have also been caught.

LAKE POWELL

Lake elevation: 3,601 ft., water temperature: 64–72° F.

Just when we have fishing patterns all figured out — they change. It is transition time once again. Stripers are near spawning and bass are lost in the rapidly rising water. Here are tips to keep up with the expected fish movements this week.

Striped bass males are extremely active lake wide. They are in large schools both in the canyons and the main channel. Schooling nature means there will be many areas without any fish and then a few spots with an endless supply of fish to catch. Here are a few locations with raging schools. Wahweap Bay near Castle Rock, Buoy 3, Buoy 9, Navajo



Canyon (points past the first big island), Padre Bay Cookie Jar, Last Chance at the back of the canyon and half way in on the east Bluff with the first noticeable rock slide, Jacks Arch, Rincon near floating potty, Lake Canyon, and many spots in the northern lake. Schools up north may be harder to find with murky runoff water clouding their presence. There may actually be more stripers in the upper lake as they run to current when spawning but they may be harder to find.

With huge schools present in most canyons and bays the best method of locating them is to graph the 30- to 60-foot depth contour. It is fine to troll while looking. When a fish is hooked or a school seen on the graph, mark the spot. The location will often be well out in the bay without a good way to stay on target, unless GPS or floating marker is used to pinpoint the spot. Once marked, that school location may be good for many days. Schools I have graphed recently resemble a tall thin vertical stack with spaces. A tall thin stack without spaces may also be a tree.

Stripers in the main lake are eating plankton so they are more likely to be caught on anchovy bait than reaction lures. One combination that works well is to chum with anchovies and fish with a spoon or crankbait to actually catch fish as they rise in response to chum.

The striper spawn will occur when water warms sufficiently to trigger females into activity. When that occurs, activity shifts to dark hours and daylight fishing slows considerably. Afternoons may be the best fishing time this week. Look for shoreline splashing activity in the evening to find a spawning school that may include a trophy female. Males will all be the two-pound fish that have been caught so often this spring.

Rapidly rising water has flooded new ground that is far way from where bass were residing. In gently sloping area bass are hard (not impossible) to find. Fish much deeper water to catch the bigger bass. The trick this time of year is to fish vertical habitat where bass can go up and down instead of moving laterally to stay in the comfort zone while water rises. The exception and best place to fish, is the slick rock canyons. Here much of the habitat is vertical cliff with cracks and ledges for cover. Bass will be in the likely looking spots along walls and in cracks. Some of the best canyons to fish now for bass include: Face, West, Oak, Reflection, Hidden Passage, Escalante River, Iceberg, and Moki. Again the canyons uplake are still good but the main channel may be muddy.

Fishing remains great; it just requires a slight adjustment to keep up with the moods of the quarry.

ELECTRIC LAKE: The access road on the north side remains snowed in and the upper reservoir is still ice-covered. Sergeant Stacey Jones reports some open water near the dam, which is fishable. She recommends dead minnows. Tributaries are running at flood stage.

FAIRVIEW LAKES: Snow drifts clog the access road. The lakes remain iced-over. It is unlikely that stocking will occur by Memorial Day.

GIGLIOTTI POND: Mike Johnson and family fished on Friday, May 16. Mike described the bite as spotty. He used both spinners and artificial flies, and caught most fish on a black woolly bugger with either a gold rib or red & blue tinsel. The most effective spinners were those with gold blades.

GOOSEBERRY RESERVOIR: The access gate is locked and the road remains snowed in. The reservoir will most likely not be open by the holiday weekend.



HUNTINGTON CREEK: The creek is open from top to bottom. The water is running very high and muddy below the forks. Recreationalists and anglers should be cautious to avoid drowning. A #10 beadhead Montana is recommended for fly fishermen, who should fish as close to the dam as possible to avoid high flows and colored water. Nightcrawlers and PowerBait are recommended for baitcasters below the fly-only zone. Most trout are 11- to 14-inch browns. Campgrounds are beginning to open.

HUNTINGTON RESERVOIR

(MAMMOTH RESERVOIR): The reservoir remains iced-over with its shoreline heaped with snow. Parking is limited. Ice off could occur by the Memorial Day weekend.

HUNTINGTON STATE PARK: Very little fishing activity. Other water sports have taken over. The reservoir is almost full. This is a good holiday destination for all water sports.

JOES VALLEY RESERVOIR: The reservoir is ice-free. Fishing was fair to good for 10- to 14-inch trout. A few range up to 22 inches. The DWR has received unconfirmed reports of one 12-lb. and one 14-lb. splake being caught recently. Whole chubs or chub meat is the best year-round bait. Joes Valley Reservoir has special regulations. Please refer to the [2008 Fishing Guidebook](#).

LASAL MOUNTAINS: Aquatics Biologist Darek Elverud fished Kens Lake on Saturday, May 17 in the evening. He caught eight bass — the biggest measuring 16 inches. The rest were 12 inches or less. Most were caught with dark-colored plastic worms. Darek described the bite as light. Conservation Officer TJ Robertson characterized fishing as fair at Ken's and recommended evening fishing as the most productive time to angle. Robertson reported excellent fishing at Hidden Lake with almost any kind of bait. Anglers John Mealey and Tim Angus told Officer Robertson that fishing had slowed from the week before. That came as a surprise to Robertson, since the bite was still "pretty hot." Rainbows run from 6 to 11 inches at Hidden. Fly fishing is not as effective as bait fishing there, remarked Darek Elverud. Officer Robertson said there was little action at Dons, even though the access road was open.

The U.S. Forest Service plans to open the roads to Warner and Oowah for the Memorial Day weekend. Medicine Lake and Dark Canyon remain inaccessible.

LOWER FISH CREEK: No recent report. At last report, the best artificial fly was a size 14 hare 's ear nymph. The water below its confluence with the White River is unfishable, due to heavy run-off and muddy water.

MILLER FLAT RESERVOIR: The gate is locked, blocking access. The U.S. Forest Service may open the gate during the holiday weekend, depending on dry road conditions.

MILLSITE STATE PARK: Fishing success has slowed down. The water is muddy, due to heavy run-off and muddy inflow.

SAN JUAN COUNTY: Conservation Officer Paul Washburn reported fair fishing at Foy with traditional baits. No new information is available for Monticello, Lloyds, Recapture or Blanding #3. Washburn indicated that Blanding #4 offered good fishing for some nice 2-lb. rainbows, and that marshmallows and PowerBait seem to be the best baits.

SCOFIELD RESERVOIR: Sergeant Stacey Jones reports the reservoir to be turbid, due to the high volume of muddy water coming in from its tributaries. Stacey summarized fishing success as variable last weekend. Success appeared better for anglers using dead minnows. For bank anglers, PowerBait seemed to be effective. Fly fishermen had good success during morning hours the east side. The bite dropped off, once the wind picked up in the afternoon. Volunteer Coordinator Randall Stilson conducted a creel survey on Saturday and reported heavy angler pressure with a generally good catch-rate. Most shoreline anglers did very well with an assortment of PowerBait colors. During the survey, Randall recorded some large 2- to 3-pound rainbows that had been caught with egg sacs. Angler Mike Enfield emailed a picture of a 3-lb. rainbow he had caught over the weekend. He fished with a worm just below the dam. Bob Olson, DWR fisheries technician reported that on Monday, May 19 fishing was fair to good from shore, and poor from a boat. Fishing success appears to vary from day to day. Due to dam spillway reconstruction, traffic delays of several minutes can be expected around the dam cove. Anglers are reminded that Scofield tributaries are closed to fishing until the second Saturday in July.

Warning: Whirling disease was found in the Northeastern Regional area. Please make sure you clean, dry and sterilize waders, live wells and other fishing gear before venturing to another water. Also, you should clean fish in the same water where you caught them. By dumping fish or their parts into another lake or stream, you could easily spread whirling disease organisms.

Note: Ice on lakes and reservoirs is melting rapidly. There is still ice on most higher-elevation waters, but you should check ice conditions carefully before venturing out.

BIG SAND WASH RESERVOIR: Anglers are reporting fair to good fishing for rainbows. While the water remains cold, try fishing top water flies and lures, and use either a bubble or floating baits to clear the submerged vegetation and boulders.

BULLOCK / COTTONWOOD RESERVOIRS: Anglers report fair to good fishing for rainbows. Action is slow for other fish. Some tiger musky are also being taken. Remember, the special regulation on tiger musky is one fish that's 40 inches or over—anything under 40 inches must be released. Small boats can be launched from undeveloped sites near the dams. Reservoirs are located approximately five miles north of the town of Gusher.

BROUGH RESERVOIR: The reservoir is ice-free and almost full. Water is slightly murky. Fishing is slow, but the fish are a nice size. To get to Brough, take State Route 88 south from US Route 40 (Ouray Road). Turn west at the second dirt road past the high power lines. Follow this road approximately two miles following the signs. Road can be quite rutted.

BROWNIE / SPIRIT LAKE: No new reports. Check ice condition carefully before venturing out. Roads are closed, and the lake is only accessible by skis or snowmobile. Warning: whirling disease was found in this area. Please make sure you clean, dry and sterilize waders, live wells and other fishing gear before venturing to another water. Also, you should clean fish in the same water where you caught them. By dumping fish or their parts into another lake or stream, you could easily spread whirling disease.

CALDER / CROUSE RESERVOIRS: Both lakes had severe winterkill. Crouse is likely a complete kill. Calder lost most of its fish, but a few seem to have survived. Calder has special regulations, which include: flies and lures only, no baits; all fish under 22 inches must be released immediately; bag limit is one fish over 22 inches.

CURRENT CREEK RESERVOIR: No recent reports. Older reports stated that the lake ice was getting unsafe. Check ice edge thickness carefully before venturing out. The area received more snow last week, and the road was kept open to the dam.

EAST PARK / OAKS PARK: No new reports. The roads are closed, and the reservoirs likely have ice. Check ice edge condition carefully before venturing out as reservoirs are likely being filled.

FLAMING GORGE: Launching boats is possible at all ramps. Surface water temperatures are in the low 40s.

Lake trout fishing: Reports of good to excellent fishing for 16- to 24-inch lake trout throughout most of the reservoir. Try areas like the Confluence, Buckboard, Marsh Creek, Current Creek, Anvil Draw, Skunk Cliffs and any other locations in 30–70 feet of water near the old river channel. Use tube jigs in white, chartreuse, glow or brown tipped with a small chunk of sucker or chub meat. Airplane jigs and jigging spoons also work. Use no-stretch line to feel strikes and set the hook better. A graph helps locate suspended fish to put your jig in their face.

If trolling, use downriggers to get lures like needlefish, other spoons and rapalas down near the bottom. Try and keep the lure within 10 feet of the bottom unless you are seeing suspended fish on the graph. If so, put the lure at that depth. Fishing is usually best early in the morning or later in the afternoon. Unlike their larger relatives, the smaller lake trout are excellent table fare. Their orange flesh tastes as good or better than a rainbow when cooked on the grill. There's an overabundance of lake trout under 28 inches in the Gorge, so do your part to help the fishery and keep a limit of eight fish.

Larger lake trout fishing should be good from Big Bend south to Sheep Creek Bay. Use larger tube jigs and jigging spoons. If trolling, use large plugs, spoons or flatfish on a downrigger. It's also a good technique to use long lining plugs in shallow water in early spring. That's because big lake trout will seek out food near the surface when water temps are cool. Remember, only one fish over 28 inches may be kept. Big lake trout eat big food, so lures and jigs should also be big.

Kokanee fishing: Fishing was slow, but it will improve once water temperatures hit the mid-50s. If you can find schools of fish, try vertical jigging with buzzbombs or jigging spoons. Tipping with a mealworm or fish egg may help. Once fishing improves, try fishing shallow (15–25 feet) with down riggers, long lining or planer boards. You probably won't see many fish on the graph since they are shallow. Troll small spoons such as needlefish, triple teasers, or other erratic lures, and attach enough lead weights to get the lure down to the right depth range. Troll at speeds from 2–2.5 miles per hour. Kokanee will be shallow to begin the season but will move deeper as temperatures increase.

Rainbow fishing: There's good fishing on most areas of the reservoir. Look for larger rainbows around boat ramps. Older fish return to areas where they were stocked in an attempt to spawn. Fish as large as 24 inches can be caught. Shore anglers will have the best fishing of the year from ice out until mid-May as rainbows will be shallow and close to shore searching for food. Anglers can use marshmallows and worms, wooly buggers, minnow imitation plugs, spinners and jigs to catch fish from shore. If fishing from a boat, try casting to shore using the same types of lures or long line lures while trolling shallow. Planer boards also work well to get lures close to shore without spooking fish with the boat.

Burbot (Ling) fishing: Fishing should continue to be good for burbot as long as water temperatures stay cool in shallow areas. If fishing from shore or a boat, try fishing with jigs late in the afternoon, early morning or at night on points coming into reservoir. At night, they move into water depths from 10–30 feet. Areas like Firehole, Lost Dog, Sage Creek, Confluence, Buckboard, Holmes Crossing, Anvil Draw, Skunk Cliffs and Marsh Creek are good places to try. If fishing in Utah, try rocky points on Antelope Flat, Linwood Bay or Sheep Creek. November netting in the area north of Buckboard has shown a large increase in the number of burbot present. Larger fish are 30 inches long and up to 4–5 pounds.

Locate flats and points near the old river channel if possible. Use glow tube or curly tail jigs 2–3 inches in size and about 1/8 to 1/4 ounce in weight. Jigging spoons and jigging rapalas also work well. Tipping with sucker or crayfish meat will help you catch fish, as will use of

smelly jelly or similar scents like crayfish. These fish are in depths from 20–70 feet but have been caught recently in 40–60 feet (mostly in the Wyoming end of the reservoir). There have been some reports of fast catch rates.

These fish must be harvested if caught in Utah to help control their population. They were illegally introduced to the upper Green River drainage and could have a major impact on other fish species. There is no limit on burbot. You cannot waste the burbot in the Wyoming end of the reservoir, and they can be released there. However, please don't release any of these fish as they have been eating large amounts of crayfish and are also consuming kokanee salmon, smallmouth bass and other critical food sources for other fish species. They could have an extreme impact on the reservoir fishery and should be removed by anglers whenever possible.

Burbot are an excellent eating fish with white, flaky flesh that is similar to a perch. They can be breaded and fried or boiled and dipped in melted butter.

Smallmouth bass fishing: Smallmouth fishing is slow, as smallmouth tend not to bite well at temperatures near or below 50 degrees. Use twist-tail grubs on lead head jigs or small plastic worms, sinkos, twitch and crankbaits in about 5–30 feet of water off rocky shorelines and points. Crayfish imitation colors will work the best. Drop shot techniques will also work.

GREEN RIVER: (upper) The flows on the river are currently 800 cfs. Flows should remain at this level until the high spring flows in late May. Visit the Bureau of Reclamation Web site <http://www.usbr.gov/uc/water/crsp/cs/fgd.html> for the latest information on flows.

Fishing on the river is picking up, and baetis and midge hatches are occurring as air and water temps warm. Anglers report good fishing in most sections of the river. Nymphing is still probably the best technique, but streamers are also working. Midge hatches are happening most days. Please remember the slot limit size range has changed from 13–20 inches to 15–22 inches to make regulations more consistent statewide. Nymphing with glo-bugs and San Juan worms with smaller nymphs trailering was the workhorse. Small midge patterns work on most days. Streamers are working well and have been extremely good some days. Use size 2–4 buggers such as Goldilox and patterns in olive, pink and white. Visit www.fishgreenriver.com for good flies to use on your trip.

Spin fishermen should try small rapalas (floating, countdown and husky jerk); small spinners; black, brown or olive marabou jigs; and small jigs. Please check to see that your tube jigs contain no fish-attracting scents, as they are illegal to use in the river.

New Zealand Mudsail densities have dramatically increased in several localized areas near Little Hole, and have been documented in most areas of the river. Please thoroughly clean mud and vegetation from waders, boats and fishing gear; and if possible, completely dry equipment before leaving the area. A hot water bath (120° F) will kill mudsnails, and spraying equipment with 409 or a similar soap solution before drying will increase effectiveness.

GREEN RIVER: (lower) The water level is low, and the river is ice-free. No reports from anglers.

MATT WARNER RESERVOIR:

Biologists report they were able to get into the reservoir on Monday and found a few dead fish but not a major winterkill. Fishing should be fair to good and will improve as the water warms.

MOON LAKE: No new reports. Likely the snow and ice is breaking up, and there should be good fishing as the ice comes off.

PELICAN LAKE: Cold weather and high winds kept the lake waters from warming, so normal spring activity was set back about three weeks to a month. Anglers are reporting numerous small early bass in the weeds, and bluegill are just starting to move in. As the water warms, fishing will pick up. Pelican did not have a severe winterkill as some anglers have reported. Division biologists were one of the first groups out on the reservoir, and they watched the ice out carefully. They did see some dead fish along the shoreline but do not believe it is because of a major die-off. Their reports on the fish kill are more in line with angling mortality and possibly a few lethal pockets, which are common for Pelican.



RED FLEET RESERVOIR: The reservoir is open, and anglers are reporting good fishing for trout. Not much activity for bass and bluegill yet.

STARVATION RESERVOIR: The reservoir is ice free and nearly full. Anglers report good fishing for trout, including several larger browns.

STEINAKER RESERVOIR: The reservoir is ice-free and being filled. Anglers report good fishing for rainbows and a few browns have been taken. Anglers are just starting to report catching only a few scattered bass and bluegill. This is because normal spring activity was set back by the cooler weather and high winds.

UINTA MOUNTAIN LAKES AND STREAMS: No new reports. Lakes and streams have ice, but check it carefully before venturing out. Fishing success on mountain lakes and streams can be spotty, so if one isn't producing try moving to another. With over 400 managed fisheries on the South Slope alone, it's easy to find a new place to fish. Always go prepared for serious weather, as the Uinta Mountains are well known for frequent unexpected storms and high winds. Note: The Uinta Mountains have a four-trout limit with a bonus of four more brook trout—see the [Fishing 2008 guidebook](#) for details.

GIGLIOTTI POND: Fishing pressure is heavy on weekends as anglers try to catch the remaining albino trout that were stocked a month ago. Some of these fish weigh as much as five pounds! Rainbow PowerBait or nightcrawlers are recommended for baitcasters. A Jake's Spin-a-Lure was the best-performing lure. The best fishing will be in the morning, before the wind picks up.

HUNTINGTON CREEK: The creek is open from top to bottom with patches of snow still



lingering along the shoreline at higher elevations. A #10 beadhead Montana is recommended for fly fishermen. Nightcrawlers and PowerBait are recommended for baitcasters. Most trout are 11- to 14-inch browns. Campgrounds are starting to open.

JOE'S VALLEY RESERVOIR: The reservoir is ice-free. Fishing is fair to good for 10- to 14-inch trout. A few range up to 22 inches. The DWR received reports that one 12-lb. and one 14-lb. splake were caught at Joe's Valley during the week. Details of the

catches are not available. Whole chubs or chub meat is the best year-round bait. Joe's Valley Reservoir has special regulations. Please refer to the [2008 Fishing Guidebook](#).

LAKE POWELL: Visit www.wayneswords.com for the latest fishing report by Wayne Gustaveson, DWR project leader. The above link reports on the multi-agency effort to keep quagga and zebra mussels from populating the lake. Boats may be inspected and cleaned to prevent a mussel infestation.

LASAL MOUNTAINS: Conservation Officer TJ Robertson reports that Ken's Lake is picking up for trout and bass. Trout can be caught on green or yellow PowerBait, and bass can be taken with typical bass jigs in the willows on the inlet side of the lake. Oowah and Warner will remain closed until the U.S. Forest Service opens the access roads, which may occur next week. Hidden Lake is accessible and ice-free. Anglers report good fishing, and the trout seem to be taking almost anything. Don's Lake is accessible, but there hasn't been much fishing pressure so far. Dark Canyon and Medicine Lake remain inaccessible.

LOWER FISH CREEK: No recent report. Try floating line and a size 14 hare's ear nymph. Due to heavy run-off, the water below the confluence with the White River is currently unfishable.

SAN JUAN COUNTY: Monticello and Foy reservoirs are ice-free. Fishing success is fair at Foy and at Blanding #3 and #4, where marshmallows seem to be the best bait. Fishing is slow at Recapture, where the inflow of cold water has kept water temperatures low.

SCOFIELD RESERVOIR: The reservoir is completely ice-free. Fishing pressure is heavy. Scofield State Park will sponsor a fishing tournament on May 17. For information on the tournament, call 435-448-9449 or 435-686-2491. Following a creel survey on May 10–11, Fisheries Biologist Justin Hart reported that anglers were catching fish lake-wide. Egg sacs and dead minnows were the best baits. Anglers were primarily catching 14- to 18-inch rainbow trout, a few cutthroats and a few tiger trout up to 18 inches. Spincasters were having success with gold Jake's Spin-a-Lures. Fly fishermen were doing well with sinking line and leech or wooly bugger patterns. Due to dam spillway reconstruction, traffic delays of several minutes can be expected around the dam cove. Anglers are reminded that Scofield tributaries are closed to fishing until the second Saturday in July.